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PSS contract addendums seek to allow salary cuts

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REPORTER

The Public School System is not only reducing salaries but will also let go of employees who will not agree to have their salaries slashed.

In a system-wide memorandum issued last June 6, 2019, acting Education commissioner Jackie Quittuga informed PSS employees of upcoming salary reductions, together with an addendum to their contracts that would authorize PSS to make the cuts, as approved by the CNMI Board of Education last June 5, 2019.

Quittuga issued the memorandum a day after the BOE approved the cost-cutting measure. Under the plan, PSS employees would only get their salaries, without insurance, taxes, and other additional benefits.

A copy of the contract addendum that *Saipan Tribune* obtained states

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A commitment to education

Editor's Note: The following is an official statement from the Office of the Commissioner of Education.

The Public School System, its management, and leadership have been working with the CNMI Board of Education as the policy making and governing body in finding ways to mitigate the shortfall in funding resulting from the current fiscal state



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of the Commonwealth. As your Commissioner of Education, I understand that the recent decisions have caused great discord and fear. While we struggled with the reality of an inadequate budget, decisions had to be made to avoid payless paydays. We have not, and will not stop trying to find every avenue to leverage resources to

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Local

FEMA considers reverse osmosis project for CUC

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has proposed to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to consider looking into a reverse osmosis drinking water project.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said this came up during a previous meeting between CUC senior managers and FEMA local and Washington, D.C. officials.

Reverse osmosis is a water

purification process to produce drinking water.

The project, Camacho said in his report to the CUC board, is being looked at as a way for FEMA to move away from a required response to the CNMI's possible loss of water supply following an environmental disaster.

Camacho said every time there is a disaster in the CNMI, FEMA flies bottled drinking water. He said CUC believes

that FEMA intends to eliminate this cost in future storms.

"What we are discussing is some sort of reverse osmosis that CUC could operate for drinking water in an event of a disaster on [the] islands," he said.

Camacho said this project will not only eliminate that expense for FEMA but also that dependence on flight to bring in essential supplies. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Torres courts Japanese investors, visitors

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is currently on a weeklong working trip in Japan in hopes of boosting investor confidence and, at the same time, promote the Commonwealth as a vacation destination to the Japanese tourism market. Tokyo is just three hours from Saipan.

Press secretary Kevin Bautista said the governor's trip has been long planned and is part of his duty as the CNMI's chief executive to revive the interest of the Japanese tourism market and encourage

them to visit the Commonwealth via low-cost carrier Skymark Airlines, Inc.

"Gov. Torres is in Narita for a series of scheduled meetings with Marianas tourism stakeholders, as well as businesses and investors who have expressed an interest in the CNMI," Bautista said. "With the budget shortfall that we are currently facing, Gov. Torres is being proactive in reaching out to the Japanese market to increase visitor arrivals and economic activity."

He said that getting back the Japanese market is one way of increasing financial activity in

the CNMI.

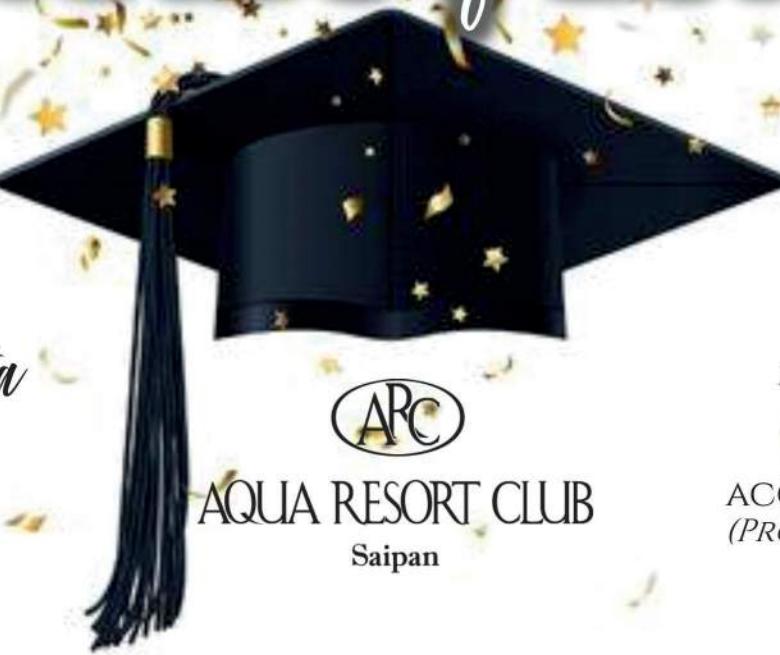
"Solutions to our current budget shortfall includes increasing our tourism yield in order to stabilize our government's revenue collections," said Bautista.

"The governor's last meetings in Japan included finalizing Skymark Airlines as an airline carrier between Japan and the Marianas, which has revitalized Japanese interest and our tourism market," added Bautista. "The administration is making every effort to solve our budget crisis by reaching out to our source markets directly."

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Second round of PWS awaits approval

The second round of the CNMI Prevailing Wage Survey was completed last May 17 and was immediately submitted to Gov. Ralph Torres who, in turn, transmitted it to the U.S. Department of Labor for approval.

It was learned at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting last week at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan that the first and second rounds of the PWS captured the biggest number of employees to date.

The Chamber and the

PSS to graduate about 700 students this year

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The Public School System expects to have 701 graduates this year, with the Dr. Rita Hocog Jr/Sr High School kicking off the season last May 24, 2019, and Tinian Jr./Sr. High School starting this week's graduations.

PSS associate commissioner Lynnette Villagomez said the 701 count is based off this year's enrollment.

Today, the Tinian Jr./Sr. High School would have their commencement exercises at the school campus cafeteria at 10am for the middle school promotions and at the Antonio M. Borja Amphitheatre at 4pm for the high school seniors.

"We are just so proud of them for being very strong [despite] all the adversities we faced this year," said acting education commissioner Jackie Quitugua last week. "... They [are] resilient students and we honor them for that."

Marianas High School starts off Saipan's graduation season in their school campus

"Initiating the first survey on April 8, 2019, we captured occupational wage data from 937 employers. Together with the second survey, a total of 19,621 employees were captured and this figure has surpassed the total coverage of the last three PWS," said Chamber president Velma Palacios. "In total, we are submitting 315 wages for consideration and that is a big thing."

The Chamber and the

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on June 11, at 4pm. Kagman High School follows on June 12, at the American Memorial Park at 4pm.

Dao'ok Academy and Saipan Southern High School will both graduate their seniors on June 13, at 11am at the Charley's Cabaret at the Pacific Islands Club and 4pm at the school campus stage, respectively.

Middle school promotions also start on June 11, with Francisco M. Sablan Middle School up first at the Pacific Islands Club Pavilion at 8:30am. Dandan Middle School follows at 11am on the same day, but at their school campus stage.

Kagman's Chacha Ocean View Middle School will hold its promotion ceremonies at 8:30am on June 12 in the school cafeteria, while Tanapag Middle School would hold its promotion ceremonies later at 10:30am in the school stage.

The Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School would be holding its promotion ceremonies on June 14, starting at 4pm at the Saipan Southern High School stage.

Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp. hired Hive Analytics and Data Talks last March to conduct the survey.

The CNMI-based survey is needed to set the salaries of foreign workers who will be

petitioned to the CNMI under the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program.

The U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration's Office of Foreign Labor Certification al-

ready approved the first round of the survey in mid-May.

In an earlier interview, Hive Analytics president Matthew Deleon Guerrero said the occupations gathered for the first round of the survey were mostly

from the tourism industry and occupations within the restaurant and food industry.

The survey's second round included occupations not covered by the first round. (Bea Cabrera)

health screening at 7am and a Zumba dance event at 8am.

The actual date of the Philippine Independence Day is June 12. (Marc Venus)

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UFO hosts 'Pistang Pinoy'

The United Filipino Organization hosted the 121st Philippine Independence Day celebration yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area with the traditional staging of *Pistang Pinoy*, a variety show intended to draw the island's Filipino community together.

Sunday's main highlights was a singing contest focus-

ing on original Filipino music and the dance contest, which focused on traditional Filipino dances. The Cornerstone Church Performing Arts Group, the Revive Band, the Saipan Music and Dance Studio or SMADS, and many others also gave performances.

Results of the competitions would be published in the following days.

Among the sponsors this

year are IT&E, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, LBC Express, Coca Cola, Armatech Corp., and Amari's Tavern.

UFO president Gerry De Guzman thanked the members of the UFO for setting up the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area for the celebration. "Their hard work was the reason why we are able to have a successful event," said De Guzman.

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\$800K is awarded to 15 ex-Dynasty workers

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Fifteen former foreign workers of the defunct Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino were awarded Friday \$800,168 in compensatory and punitive damages in a default judgment.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona found that the owner of Tinian Dynasty, Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd. (HKE), is liable to pay its 15 former workers for fraudulent concealment and wrongful termination.

Manglona awarded a total of \$395,168 in compensatory damages to the 15 plaintiffs: Eric F. Dona, \$21,650.50; Donny Rivera, \$44,601; Melinda Rivera, \$19,902; Chung-Liang Chiu, \$24,840.20; Shin-go Kajiwara, \$20,902.26; Han Shao, \$21,164.20; Lorenzo Pacia III, \$23,132.50; Didith Pacia, \$40,601; Ming Yang Yuan, \$40,745.50; Chuan Hui Xu, \$27,747.50; Flordeliza F. Camiguin, \$17,203.50; Jovelyn F. Reyes, \$19,382; Richard Julio L. Reyes, \$30,632; Ernesto Y. Rivera, \$19,902; and Jose C. Cadion Jr., \$22,762.

The claims for compensatory damages consist of lost wages and lost benefits as well as claims for mental anguish and punitive damages.

Manglona also awarded plaintiffs \$405,000 in punitive damages, in equal amounts of \$27,000 each, saying they have shown by clear and convincing evidence that an

award of punitive damages is warranted.

This punitive damages amount, Manglona said, considers that HKE has twice been held accountable—in 2002 and 2007—for failure to pay its workers back wages. In the 2007 administrative action, HKE was assessed civil penalties of \$191,400 for having withheld \$309,816 in back wages from 348 employees.

Manglona said that given HKE's history of misconduct, a punitive damages award that is only a factor of two greater than the civil money penalties assessed by the U.S. more than a decade ago is quite reasonable.

The plaintiffs sued HKE and Tinian Dynasty's management, Mega Stars Overseas Limited, for allegedly lying to them that they were legally authorized to work despite the denial of their CW-1 petitions.

Majority of the 15 plaintiffs have lived in the CNMI for many years and have children who are U.S. citizens.

The plaintiffs have asked the court to issue a default judgment holding HKE and Tinian Dynasty's management, Mega Stars, liable to pay them \$4.2 million in damages.

At the May 9 hearing, 13 plaintiffs were present in the courtroom, along with their attorney Samuel I. Mok.

Two other plaintiffs—Shin-go Kajiwara and Chung-Liang Chiu—appeared by telephone. Also present in the courtroom were Japanese and Tagalog interpreters.

Both HKE and Mega Stars

previously defaulted in this case and did not appear at the hearing, although they have been notified.

In the default judgment last Friday, Manglona said the plaintiffs have shown that HKE concealed many notices and warnings issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that the CW-1 petitions filed on behalf of the plaintiffs were likely to be denied because USCIS did not view HKE as a "legitimate employer."

According to the notices of intent to deny and notices of intent to revoke, Manglona said, USCIS did not view HKE as a legitimate employer because of its past labor violations for failing to pay employees proper wages and overtime in accordance with federal law as well as for criminal conduct related to violations of the anti-money laundering provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act.

The judge said HKE intentionally concealed these facts from the plaintiffs pursuant to an explicit directive issued by HKE general manager Tom Liu to supervisors in the human resources department because it did not want employees, including the plaintiffs, to transfer to new employers, which would have effectively shut down HKE's operations.

When the plaintiffs tried to ascertain the status of their CW-1 petitions, HKE lied that their petitions were being processed without issue, Manglona said.

Manglona said plaintiffs would have tried to transfer employers if the various warnings and notices issued by the USCIS prior to the Dec. 8, 2014, denial had been disclosed.

As for the claim for wrongful termination, Manglona said HKE constructively terminated the plaintiffs for their refusal to continue working in contravention of the law after their CW-1 petitions had been denied by the USCIS on Dec. 8, 2014.

In the CNMI, the judge pointed out, it is against public policy for an employer to terminate an employee for refusing to commit an illegal act.

"Plaintiffs' refusal to work because of fear of the immigration consequences they would incur for employment without legal authorization is conduct worthy of being protected as it promotes the public interest in ensuring compliance and respect for the law," the judge said.

Manglona, however, denied the plaintiffs' motion for default judgment on their claim for fraudulent concealment. She said the plaintiffs failed to establish basis for relief on this claim.

Manglona declined to award damages for mental anguish.

On punitive damages, Manglona said Tinian Dynasty's human resources manager Florine Hofschneider testified that the hotel's general manager, Tom Liu, directed her not to tell plaintiffs and other alien workers about USCIS' intent

abuses by unscrupulous individuals in the PSS leadership."

"In doing so, above everything else, you must frame the discourse. Investigate PSS leaders, not PSS. Challenge PSS leadership's decisions, not PSS itself."

He said this development at PSS "breaks my heart; it causes me physical pain to watch PSS leadership throw students and teachers under the bus."

"I am marshaling alternative resources to challenge PSS leadership, because this has to stop. I will bring all the forces I can bear to protect public education, the teachers, and the students of the Commonwealth."

He also suggested that another 60 slots be saved for categories related to public utility services like water/wastewater engineers, electrical engineers, mechanical engineers, and trades technicians.

However, with fiscal year 2020 just three months away, USCIS has not yet published any regulation governing the CW-1 program.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

to deny their CW-1 permits, and that Liu told her he would "handle it."

Manglona said the CW issue was of great concern to plaintiffs, as Mega Stars' chairman, Wai Chan, acknowledged in a letter dated Jan. 12, 2015, to Tinian Dynasty staff, "because it threatens your legitimate working status in CNMI."

Furthermore, Manglona said, defendants' conduct in the course of this four-year litigation has prolonged plaintiffs' suffering and added to the expense.

Manglona noted that twice, in January 2016 and January 2018, defense attorneys withdrew from the representation

because defendants had failed to meet their obligations.

The second withdrawal occurred after defendants had dragged their feet for two years, requiring five amended scheduling orders.

After the second attorney withdrew, defendants refused to hire new counsel and defaulted.

Altogether, Manglona said, defendants' conduct for which they have been found liable, as well as their conduct in the course of the litigation, has been reprehensible.

Tinian Dynasty's casino operation stopped in August 2015. The hotel operation halted in March 2016.

external (independent) audits would indicate, the last five school years validate the CNMI Public School System's strict adherence to the highest management of financial resources and strict accountability.

As such, the Public School System continues to believe in the process of providing an opportunity for every stakeholder to engage and be part of conversations and dialogue that involves our children's education and the future of our school community as a whole.

The Public School System reaffirms its commitment that the children of this Commonwealth deserve the optimum educational opportunities for them to succeed, with the support of our dedicated public school staff and personnel. (PR)

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alleviate our burden. We are hopeful and confident that as one family we can pull through this together. I appeal for everyone's support, understanding, and patience and honor your voice and right to speak it.

Our leadership maintains a transparent approach to every difficult decision that had to be made. The school district reassures everyone that we will engage in extensive consultation and do our due diligence to reach out to stakeholders including our teachers and parents, as well as our leaders in both the Executive and Legislative branches of government to find answers and solutions.

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that, if signed, it would allow PSS to reduce salaries based on increases implemented in the compensation plan for 2017 and the previous compensation plan. The addendum also allows PSS to implement a freeze on salary increases—including those discussed during contract renewals.

Those who sign the addendum would also not be able to receive backpay for the difference in salary during the time of salary reductions.

"The reduction is half the difference between an employee's current salary and what the salary for their position was before PSS moved to the current compensation plan, effectuated Oct. 1, 2017," Quitugua explained.

"There is no reduction to employees making [less than] \$23,660," she noted, adding that no employee will have their salaries reduced below \$23,660, regardless of the reduction.

Those who opt not to sign the addendum would be laid off 90 days after June 6, 2019—on Sept. 4, 2019.

Those who opt not to sign the addendum and does not inform the PSS Human Resources Office that they will not be signing it before June

21 will receive back pay for the 90 days they worked, with the corresponding salary reductions.

Those who refuse to sign the addendum but informs the PSS Human Resources Office that they will not be signing it before Friday, June 21, 2019, will still be let go but their salaries will be untouched.

"...If you notify the Human Resources Office by Friday, June 21, 2019, stating your refusal to sign the new addendum, then PSS will not reduce your salary," Quitugua noted.

"...However, you will be released from employment no later than 90 days from the date of this letter, on Sept. 4, 2019," Quitugua further noted.

"Current cost-savings measures by PSS, such as the salary freeze, are not enough to overcome this deficit," she explained in her memorandum, adding that PSS is reliant on funding allotments from the central government for payroll and several other obligations.

"Unfortunately, based on past and current allotments that PSS has received this fiscal year, PSS is currently in a state of financial emergency as declared by the BOE," she explained, adding that the CNMI government is collecting "far less revenue than it projected for the fiscal year 2019 budget."

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six-figure salaries. They lied to the voters and spent public money to do so," he said. "PSS leadership is now forcing teachers to sign a contract surrendering their pay or face termination. Furthermore, over the past few months, PSS leadership has threatened to fire any teacher who talks to anyone outside of PSS, including attorneys."

A memorandum by acting PSS commissioner Jackie Quitugua, dated June 6 and with salary reductions and new contract addendum as

subject, has stated that all PSS employees making \$23,660 won't experience any pay cut while those making over that amount "will not have their salary reduced below \$23,660, regardless of what their reduction would have been."

Brassington described PSS' conduct as "massively illegal and unconstitutional," as well as "a flagrant violation" of PSS leadership's fiduciary duty to the students and the taxpayers.

"PSS leadership violated federal and Commonwealth law[s] by forcing employees to publicly support a political position and using public money to fund a political campaign

to amend the Commonwealth Constitution. This is unacceptable; this needs to stop. Enough is enough," he said.

He urged lawmakers of the CNMI Legislature to investigate the PSS leadership's "illegal and morally reprehensible conduct."

"PSS leadership cannot be allowed to continue using students and teachers as human shields. The Commonwealth needs to hold these individuals accountable," he added.

He also urged lawmakers to introduce legislation that would allow public school teachers and frontline staff to unionize. "Teachers need to protect themselves from the

menting rules and regulations. In a letter dated June 6, 2019, to DHS acting secretary Kevin McAleenan, Torres stated that his administration has already emphasized with USCIS that developing the regulations would be a big help to the CNMI economy.

"On Sept. 18, 2018, I wrote to the U.S. DHS to provide my recommendations on the development of these important regulations for the [CNMI] economy," said Torres in his letter. "It

has been my hope that these recommendations would be helpful in designing a regulatory structure that accomplishes the goals of Public Law 115-218, while allowing for continued economic growth in the CNMI."

In a letter to then-DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen last year, Torres recommended that 200 CW-1 permits be reserved for occupational categories like health care practitioners, technical occupations, and health care support occupations.

Bench warrant out for San Nicolas

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho has issued a bench warrant for former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board member Eric Henry Cruz San Nicolas after he failed to show up for his motion hearing last Friday.

San Nicolas, who was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, among other charges, failed to show up for the hearing where both parties would have argued whether to deny or grant San Nicolas' request to suppress evidence.

Camacho said the bench warrant will be quashed once San Nicolas shows up for the next scheduled motion hearing, which hasn't been set yet.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, San Nicolas' motion to suppress evidence from what he argues was an illegal traffic stop should be denied because the police officer who initiated the

stop did so as he had a reasonable suspicion that San Nicolas posed a threat.

Police officer Rodolfo Hermosilla, the officer who stopped San Nicolas in 2018, initiated the stop because he received information that San Nicolas was possibly intoxicated, that he had allegedly taken items from his girlfriend without her consent, and that he was threatening to commit suicide.

"These facts, when taken together, justify...Hermosilla to temporarily detain the vehicle for a brief investigation to see whether these conditions exist and to potentially protect [San Nicolas] from harming himself or the community," said assistant attorney general Robert Glass in his response to San Nicolas' motion.

However, in San Nicolas' motion, Office of the Public Defender's Jean Pierre Nogues argues that the stop was initiat-

ed two hours after San Nicolas' girlfriend made the complaint about stolen items and alleged that he is drunk.

Nogues added that a hearsay allegation that a person is drunk is not a basis to pull over a vehicle.

"The sole basis for the stop appears to be the accusations allegedly made by [San Nicolas' girlfriend] two hours earlier," Nogues said.

According to court information, it is alleged that in the early hours of July 28, 2018, San Nicolas committed the crimes of reckless driving, driving under the influence of alcohol, and driver's license violation.

San Nicolas was stopped following a report that he had stolen a cellphone and car keys that belonged to his girlfriend. San Nicolas reportedly threatened his own life and was allegedly drunk. *(Kimberly A. Bautista)*

Korean orchestra performs at 'Taste'

The Daejeon Senior Orchestra performed at the 21st Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden last May 25 as part of efforts to sustain the relationship between the Korean city and Saipan.

"I hope our participation of this festival to enhance the

friendship between our two cities," said orchestra president Kim Seon Kim in a letter to Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang.

The orchestra comes from the city of Daejeon, South Korea and the average age of the performers is 70 years old. The senior orchestra is led by

conductor Jun Changhee and consists of 25 members.

Kim believes that events like this orchestral performance will help the friendship between Daejeon and the CNMI to continue to grow.

The orchestra hopes to visit the CNMI every year. *(Marc Venus)*



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Students welcome yachts to Rota

To mark Marianas Tourism Month, students of Dr. Rita

H. Inos Jr./Sr. High School on Rota welcomed visitors arriv-

ing at the island for an annual boat race in May.



As part of Marianas Tourism Month, students of Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High welcome vessels arriving at Rota East Harbor last May 25, 2019, as part of the Rota Yacht Race.

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The Rota Yacht Race was held on May 25-27, 2019, with nine boats from Guam

participating. In coordination with the Marianas Visitors Authority, students welcomed

the vessels as part of an arrival reception at sunrise at the Rota East Harbor.

"As part of our Marianas Tourism Month celebration, we wanted to be sure to engage young people, and the Rota Yacht Race was an excellent opportunity to have them support this tourism activity," said Rota field operations supervisor Sandra Atalig.

Nearly 50 visitors arrived for the race, which was coordinated by the Rota Mayor's Office. The office took the lead in sending off the vessels to Guam last May 27. (MVA)



Nine vessels berth at the Rota East Harbor last May 25, 2019, as part of the Rota Yacht Race.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Brianna Fajardo named to dean's list at Plymouth State U

PLYMOUTH, NH—Brianna Fajardo of Saipan has been named to the Plymouth State University dean's list for the spring 2019 semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the spring semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Fajardo is a Psychology major at Plymouth State. Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire. (PR)

Walk of honor to mark 75 years since the Battles for Saipan and Tinian

On Friday, June 14, 2019, at

sunset, the Committee for the 75th Anniversary of the Battles for Saipan and Tinian invites the community to come together on the eve of Saipan's Invasion Day to remember the sacrifices made by so many 75 years ago.

As the servicemen spent the night on ships outside our lagoon preparing to come ashore decades ago, and civilians awaited the unknown on our island, we will walk together to honor their bravery, sacrifice, and commitment to their country.

Participants will be provided an LED candle (adults) or glow-in-the-dark bracelet (youth).

Registration will begin at 5:30pm at the Veterans Memorial at Kilili Beach, followed by a brief program at 6pm, and the walk at 6:30pm. Walkers will head north along the Froilan

C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway and turn around at the Japanese tank at Quartermaster Road. Along the way there will be water stops and activity stations. The winners of the Memorial Day poetry, art, and wreath competitions will have their work on display.

If you have questions about the walk, call the American Memorial Park Visitor Center at 234-7207 x 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. (NPS)

Military training at Dandan, Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, GUAM—Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 will conduct training from today, June 10, to June 13, from 11am to 11pm at the Dandan-Malojloj training site in Inarajan.

This type of training is designed

to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. The public should be advised that routine helicopter training often accompanied with the use of blanks can occur during training.

The U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

June 10 and 12, from 8am to 9pm
June 11, 13, and 14, from 10:30am to 9pm

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla

will be within a 12- nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)

Water services announcements

Water services to the Upper Navy Hill, China Town, Chalan Galaide, As Falape, and Puerto Rico areas were restored Saturday morning and will continue normal water service hours. However, the areas of China Town and Chalan Galaide experienced another water service interruption at 1pm Saturday for the continuing repairs of the down transformer at the Maui 4 booster in Sadog Tasi and anticipates completion yesterday morning at 7:30am. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water services soon thereafter. For any questions, contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4282. (PR)



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INVITATION FOR BIDS ITB19-GOV-083

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ROLL-OFF TRUCK WITH CABLE HOIST for the TINIAN TRANSFER STATION

Governor Ralph D.L. Torres, and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply and Delivery of Roll-Off Truck with Cable Hoist for the Tinian Transfer Station, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on June 5, 2019 at the Office of Management & Budget, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001 and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIC) \$70.30.3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and \$70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference for this project on Wednesday, June 18, 2019, 10:00 am ChST at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Ms. Nerissa Benavente in writing by e-mail: nerissa.cip@gmail.com, on or before Wednesday, June 21, 2019 to the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **ITB19-GOV-083 Supply and Installation of Roll-off Truck with Cable Hoist for the Tinian Transfer Station**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST July 3, 2019. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST July 10, 2019 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 3, 2019 and the bid documents must be received no later than July 10, 2019. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at 10:30 a.m. ChST July 5, 2019. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at 10:00 a.m. ChST July 11, 2019.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Air Force gets comments on Tinian oil pipeline, road plan

By ZACHARY BUMPUS
PACIFIC AIR FORCES PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Members of the Tinian government and local community met with Air Force officials at the Tinian Elementary School last Thursday, June 6, 2019, during a public hearing for the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Survey for the Tinian Divert fuel pipeline plan.

The public hearing affords members of the community an opportunity to have their remarks, concerns, or support regarding the draft SEIS to be added to the official record and given consideration by the Air Force.

"I think this hearing went really well," said Col. Michael Gimbrone, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Force Posture Division chief. "We had representatives from both the local government and the local community present. It's so important that we get their input if we are going to be working side by side with them."

The draft SEIS analyzed two proposed actions. The first is a fuel pipeline from the



Members of the Tinian government and local community meet with U.S. Air Force representatives at the Tinian Elementary School during a public hearing discussing the impact of new fuel pipeline construction and their effect on the local environment and economy last June 7, 2019. Tinian was selected in 2016 for divert activities and exercises.

U.S. AIR FORCE/STAFF SGT. ZACHARY BUMPUS

Tinian seaport to the Tinian International Airport, and the second is roadway improvements to allow for tanker trucks to transport fuel from the seaport to the airport.

The fuel pipeline and its support infrastructure would eliminate the need for bulk fuel storage tanks at the Tinian seaport while still allowing U.S. Air Force tanker divert operations and exercises,

while also providing improved infrastructure and capabilities to the local community.

The draft SEIS assessed the impacts both actions would have, including impact to natural resources, cultural resources, social resources, infrastructure, and environmental factors, and concluded that the impacts such as health service strain from additional workers

on island to noise pollution from construction would be temporary and within acceptable limits.

"We had a great team out here," said Gimbrone. "We had legal representatives, archeologists, engineers, cultural resource advisors, and contracting specialists, all out here meeting with the members of the community, both before and after the

hearing to explain details and answer questions. We want them to really understand what we want to do here and how we'll only count it as a success if it's mutually beneficial for both the Air Force and Tinian."

While the public hearing has concluded, comments on the draft SEIS can be submitted

until July 1, 2019 either online at www.PACAFDivert-MarianasEIS.com or mailed to the following address:

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3 men rescued from capsized canoe off Yap



Three men waiting be rescued from their capsized, 36-foot sailing canoe off Yap last June 8, 2019.

U.S. COAST GUARD/PACIFIC MISSION AVIATION

SANTA RITA, Guam—Good Samaritans from a merchant vessel, with U.S. Coast Guard coordination, rescued three men from an overturned vessel over 70 miles off Yap last Saturday.

The crew of the vessel, *Frio Mogami*, participating in the Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System program, recovered the three men, ages 31, 50, and 75, from their capsized, 36-foot sailing canoe.

The men were all wearing life jackets and were in two separate dinghies drifting with their vessel. They also used a registered position indicating radio beacon.

"This is a great example of how our Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System, or AMVER program, works in coordination with search and rescue," said Lt. Charles Cummings, Search and Rescue Mission coordina-

the distressed vessel and drop rations and kits consisting of VHF handheld radios, flares and night time illumination devices.

At 9am Sunday, following their initial rescue, the three men were successfully transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Kiska*. The *Kiska* crew is en route to Guam where the men will meet Guam-based Customs and Border Protection personnel.

The men were reported leaving Guam Thursday morning en route to Yap. Weather on scene is winds 20 to 25 mph with 5-foot seas. No injuries are reported.

The PMA is an evangelical, non-profit mission organization which serves the islands of Micronesia and the Philippines.

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2019 Pistang Pinoy

PHOTOS By MARC VENUS



LBC puts up a booth at the annual Pistang Pinoy yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area as one of the event's sponsors.



Members of the Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 pose for a photo with United Filipino Organization president Gerry De Guzman, rightmost, during the annual Pistang Pinoy yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area.



Members of the Cornerstone Christian Church dance group pose for a photo during the annual Pistang Pinoy yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area.



Children in the audience participate with the Cornerstone Christian Church group's traditional Filipino dace tinikling during the annual Pistang Pinoy yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area.



Members of the United Filipino Organization pose for a photo at the annual Pistang Pinoy yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area.



James Ocaya, right, performs with guitarist Lester Garcia at the annual Pistang Pinoy yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area.



The United Filipino Organization announces the winning tickets for its raffle during the annual Pistang Pinoy yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area.



Members of the Cornerstone Christian Church dance at the annual Pistang Pinoy yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area.



Members of the Revive band perform at the annual Pistang Pinoy yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area.



Members of the Bayani Organization pose for a photo during the annual Pistang Pinoy yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza's parking area.

Lack of abortion access troubles Guam's first female governor

By CALEB JONES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU (AP)—Lourdes Leon Guerrero vigorously defended abortion rights as she campaigned to become the first female governor of Guam. She won, but now no doctors are willing to perform the procedure she fought so hard to defend.

The last abortion provider in the heavily Catholic U.S. territory retired in May 2018. That's forcing women seeking to end their pregnancies to fly thousands of miles from the remote Pacific island—a costly and sometimes prohibitive step.

"I truly believe that women should have control of their bodies," Gov. Guerrero, a former nurse, told The Associated Press in a phone interview Thursday. "I'm very sad and very nervous about what's happening across the nation."

Several conservative states like Alabama and Missouri have passed tough abortion restrictions as they take aim at the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion across the United States.

Guam's law, which Guerrero described as "very restrictive," allows abortion, but doctors also have the legal right to deny services unless it's a medical emergency. Abortions are allowed within 13 weeks, but anyone who terminates a pregnancy without help from a doctor can be charged with a felony.

Guerrero said she believes that doctors in Guam would still perform abortions if a woman's life were in danger, but she's concerned that other women will be forced to seek illegal or dangerous alternatives.

"That's my fear," she said. "I'm concerned about it going underground because then we can't really control it, we can't really monitor, we can't really make sure that the women are doing it in an environment that is conducive to a healthy recovery."

The governor said officials are trying to recruit doctors to come to the island and establish clinics. She said anti-abortion protesters are active on the island but are peaceful and doesn't believe doctors fear for their safety.

"Doctors here, I think, are reluctant because of the Catholic community, I think they're reluctant because they don't want to be in the controversy," Guerrero said.

Guerrero asked voters during the campaign last year if they support abortion, and many do despite about 80% of Guam's 165,000 residents being Catholic, she said.

Her opponent disagreed.



In this Jan. 22, 2017, photo, the Guam Catholic Pro-Life Committee holds its annual "Chain for Life" protest against abortion at the Guam International Trade Center intersection in Tamuning, Guam. AP



Guerrero

"Life begins at conception, period. ... We must protect every life," former Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio said during a debate, the *Pacific Daily News* reported.

The other U.S. territories in the Pacific—American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands—both prohibit abortions except in very limited circumstances. All territories are partially self-governing but still under federal rule.

While Hawaii, a nearly eight-hour flight from Guam, is the closest U.S. state for a

legal abortion, there have only been a handful of Guam women treated since last year, and none for an elective procedure, said Dr. Bliss Kaneshiro, an obstetrician-gynecologist and University of Hawaii professor.

"It's a big problem. Abortion care is pretty basically reproductive health care—we know that many women will need an abortion during the course of their reproductive years," Kaneshiro said. "We know that making abortion inaccessible doesn't eliminate it,

it forces women to seek unsafe measures to end a pregnancy."

She said, to her knowledge, all those who have come from Guam are "women with desired pregnancies where there are severe anomalies that have prompted their decision to terminate their pregnancies."

"It's really quite a small number," she said. "I would say over the course of the past six months, we have seen two or three patients."

But Kaneshiro and her colleagues have heard about "many patients" on Guam needing abortion services.

"Some of the doctors on Guam will contact us about patients," she said. But "it requires a lot of financial resources for (the women) to come to Hawaii to get that care, and so not all of them end up actually coming here."

Even in Hawaii, the island of Kauai has no abortion providers, forcing most women to fly to Oahu or Maui, and the Big Island only recently began offering services, Kaneshiro said.

Hawaii was the first state to approve a program in which doctors can mail abortion medications to patients so they don't have to travel, she said.

But Guam law prevents doctors from mailing the medicine because the territory requires patients to have an in-person counseling session with a doctor or psychologist.

In a recent court case, a Guam man was charged with raping and impregnating an 11-year-old girl, who will have to go through with her pregnancy, Jayne Flores, director of the Bureau of Women's Affairs, told the Pacific Daily News.

A message left with Guam's archdiocese wasn't immediately returned. A call to the clinic where abortions were previously performed wasn't answered.

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Boy with autism cruelly given 'most annoying male' trophy. Here's a proper award.

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Chicago Tribune



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We have enough bad things happening in the world, so let's take one of them and turn it into a good thing.

Akalis Castejon, an 11-year-old with autism, is a fifth grader at Baily Preparatory Academy in Gary. He became part of a national news story this week after a special education teacher at a school award ceremony gave him a trophy labeled "MOST ANNOYING MALE."

That is, objectively, horrible. And the Gary Community School Corp. seems to have responded appropriately by swiftly apologizing to the family and promising disciplinary action against the teacher.

I don't know what that teacher was thinking, nor do I care.

What I care about is Akalis. So I spoke with the boy's father, Rick Castejon, and learned a little more about the 11-year-old.

Castejon, a motorcycle mechanic, said Akalis is mechanically inclined and regularly watches him working on bikes, always the eager assistant. His son loves four-wheelers and go-karts, and has proven himself a skilled rider of both.

Akalis collects and plays with Thomas the Tank Engine toy trains and enjoys making videos of his trains and posting them on YouTube.

He craves chicken nuggets. And ice cream sandwiches.

His favorite movie is the 2005 computer-animated Disney film "Chicken Little."

Akalis is nonverbal and can get upset when he has to perform certain tasks or when he has difficulty communicating. But Castejon is proud of the progress his son has made both in school and at home.

"He's just a kid and he wants to have a good time," Castejon said. "He just wants to be treated like everybody else."

Akalis didn't understand that the award he was given was a cruel joke. He was excited to get a trophy, like the other kids at the ceremony.

"I'm kind of glad that he didn't understand," Castejon said.

He also hopes people learn something from what happened to his son.

"I'm not going to be around forever to take care of him," Castejon said. "I want things to be better for him."

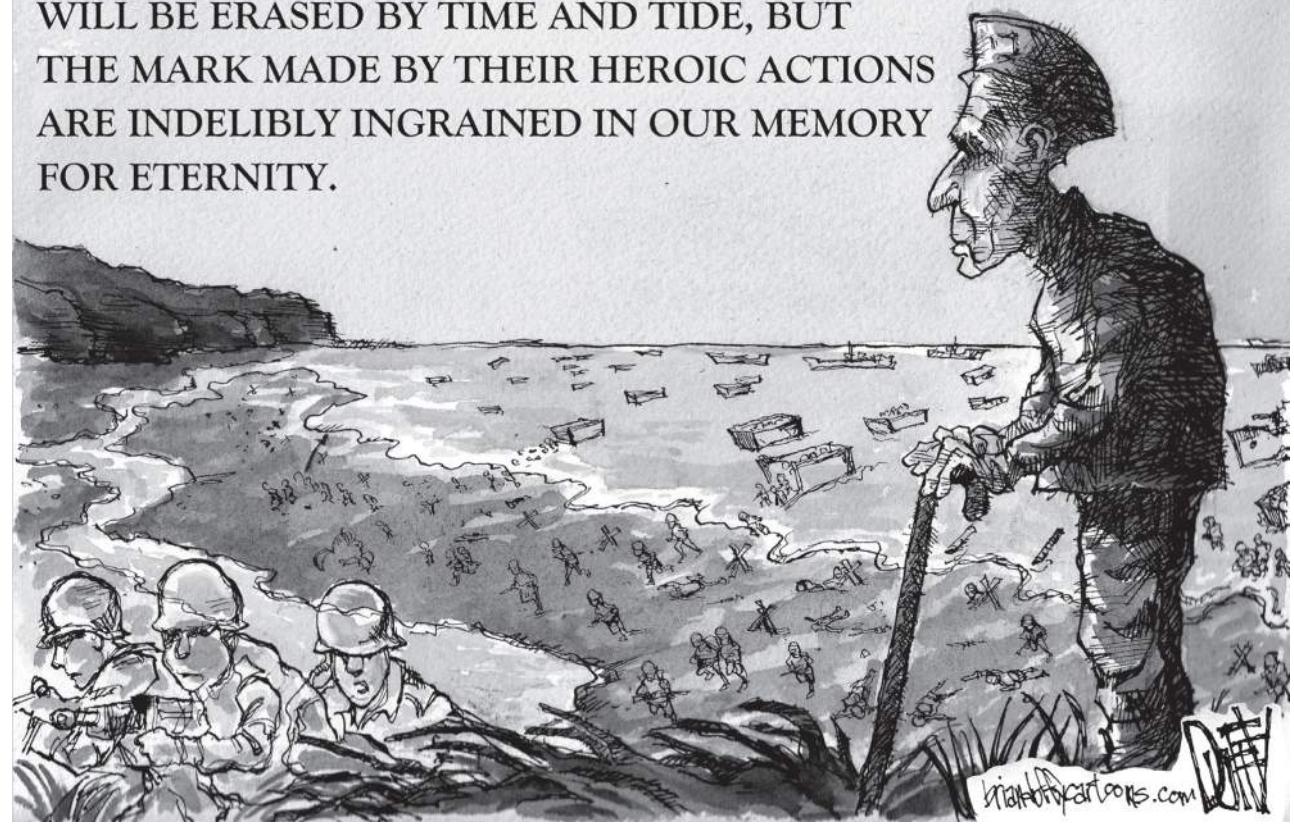
I do too. Akalis didn't deserve the mean-spirited award he received.

I can't fix that, but I thought perhaps I could offer him a proper award.

So I'm using this column to formally announce that Akalis Castejon of Gary will be receiving my 2019 Outstanding Person

See BOY on Next Page

SOON THE LAST FOOTPRINTS OF THE NEARLY 175,000 TROOPS THAT CHARGED THE BEACHES AND CLIFFS OF NORMANDY WILL BE ERASED BY TIME AND TIDE, BUT THE MARK MADE BY THEIR HEROIC ACTIONS ARE INDELIBLY INGRAINED IN OUR MEMORY FOR ETERNITY.



Why the world's mayors are stepping up on global issues

Nationalism is all the rage right now, and not just in the United States. Throughout much of the Western world, voters in areas of economic and often demographic decline are making their anger felt at the ballot box. Mainstream political parties on both the right and the left are scrambling to capture the momentum and accommodate what they see as a profoundly nationalist moment in global politics.

The consequences are being felt all over the globe, as major nations, led by the United States, abandon long-standing policies in support of free trade, open borders and multilateral cooperation. Protectionist sentiment is rising, doors to migrants are closing and international agreements are being ignored, if not abandoned altogether.

Yet, the growing effort to put narrow national interests first ignores a broader and more important trend shaping the world—urbanization and the gradual shift in power from the nation to the city. Mayors may not yet be ruling the world, but they are increasingly demanding a seat at the table where decisions on how to address global challenges are being made.

The rise of cities is the real story of our time. For the first time in history, more people live in cities than on the land, and the rate of urbanization is rising sharply. This year alone, the world's urban population will increase by 80 million people. That's more than 200,000 new city dwellers every day. And most are moving to big cities of a half million residents or more.

With more people comes more clout. Big cities produce three-quarters of global economic output, and between now and 2030, they will account for 80% of all growth. Global cities such as Tokyo, London, Chicago and Beijing are not only responsible for the world's prosperity, but they increasingly shape its ideas, its culture and its future.

And it is in cities that most of the world's current and future challenges are playing out—and where the real solutions will have to be found.

Climate change has a major impact on urban life. Rising sea levels threaten coastal cities from Miami to Jakarta. More extreme weather patterns bring floods, drought and storms into a growing number of urban centers. Diseases once confined to tropical areas are spreading globally and affecting vulnerable populations. And because cities are most affected by these changes, they have to be part of the solution, if only because they account for 70% of global greenhouse emissions.

Migration is another serious issue, with some 65 million peo-

By IVO DAALDER
Chicago Tribune

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ple on the move today around the world, fleeing war zones, gang violence, widespread drought and other calamities while searching for greater opportunities elsewhere. Many of these migrants are looking to settle in cities, especially in global cities with multicultural populations and ample job opportunities.

Add to the list terrorism and extremist violence, water and air pollution, social and economic inequality—all of these issues manifest themselves in cities and can be dealt with effectively only if cities are a central part of the solution.

Yet, while cities are the front line of these challenges, they are mostly absent from the international negotiating table where global dangers are debated and decisions to combat them are made. Those seats are reserved for the nation states that have run the world for the past four centuries. That needs to change. To be successful in tackling any of these global dangers, cities will need to have not only a voice but also an actual seat at the table.

Mayors around the world get it. Hundreds of them showed up in Paris in 2015 when nations gathered to negotiate limits on future greenhouse gas emissions to make sure their voice was heard. They created the Mayors Migration Council to influence the United Nations negotiations on the compact on migration. They formed an "Urban 20," or U-20, to press G-20 leaders to take their views into account on economic and other key questions. In all, there are now some 300 networks of cities to help coordinate collective action and influence international negotiations.

These are but early indications of a growing trend—cities are becoming key actors on the global stage, demanding a voice and ultimately a vote, on how to address the major global challenges that affect their populations most. The global order, so long dominated by the interests and perspectives of nation states, will have to find a way to accommodate the rising power of cities. For even though nationalism may be having its moment right now, cities already own this century.

Following D-Day, don't overlook importance of Saipan invasion

By STEVE MITCHELL
THE DETROIT NEWS

The two most important battles of World War II were fought within nine days of each other 75 years ago.

The first, on June 6, 1944, was D-Day, the allied invasion of German occupied France on the beaches of Normandy. It has been accorded all the celebrations and commemorations it deserves.

The second, on June 15, 7,500 miles away, has received almost no notice, yet it was called "the most important strategic victory in the war in the Pacific." It was the Battle of Saipan.

Saipan is part of the Northern Mariana Islands in the central

Pacific. The other two main islands to the south of Saipan are Tinian and Guam. The Northern Marianas became critical for two reasons: location and the B-29 Superfortress Bomber.

The Northern Marianas are 1,500 miles north of central Australia, 1,600 miles due west from the Philippines, and 1,500 miles south of the mainland of Japan. There were no Japanese bases within 1,500 miles of the islands. This location became vital to winning the war in the Pacific because the B-29's that were deployed to that theater of war a month before the Battle of Saipan could fly non-stop, roundtrip to the Philippines and to Japan.

Knowing the range of the B-29's that were being developed, the United States Military Joint Chiefs of Staff made the decision to take the Northern Marianas in 1943. The invasion itself began the night before D-Day in Europe, when the invasion force of 72,000 American soldiers and marines left port heading to Saipan. It was about half the size of the 150,000 man invasion force at Normandy.

The American naval fleet was under the command of Admiral Ray Spruance while the marines and army were under the command of Lt. Gen. Holland "Howlin Mad" Smith. Fifteen battleships pounded the island for two days before the invasion. The fighting was horrific, the Japanese commanders knew how strategically important the island was and told their soldiers they had to fight till their death.

The Japanese were in a perilous position, their supply lines had been cut days earlier when Spruance's fleet won a decisive victory in the Battle of the Philippine Sea. But the Japanese put up a courageous fight for three weeks against an equally courageous American force twice its size. The Americans secured the island on July 9, but not before 3,000 American soldiers perished.

However, the American losses paled in comparison to the Japanese; 24,000 soldiers were killed in combat and another 5,000 committed suicide.

After securing Saipan, the Americans moved south and captured Tinian and Guam by Aug. 10. The loss of these islands was the beginning of the end for the Japanese. When the battle for Saipan was over, Prime Minister Tojo, who ordered the attack on Pearl Harbor, resigned from office in disgrace and several Japanese generals and admirals committed suicide, including Admiral Nagumo, the commander of the Japanese fleet at Saipan and earlier at Pearl Harbor.

The B-29 made the invasion of Saipan as important to winning the war in the Pacific as D-Day was important to winning the war in Europe. Because there were no Japanese held possessions within 1,500 miles of the Northern Marianas, the allies

were able to build huge airstrips on all three islands.

The new bombers were used to help Gen. Douglas MacArthur take the Philippines in October 1944 and to begin bombing the Japanese homeland starting later that year.

By June 1945, the largest and busiest airport in the world was Tinian, where hundreds of B-29's were landing or taking off every day, flying missions over Japan. The most important of these take-offs happened at 3:45 on the morning of Aug. 6, 1945, when the *Enola Gay*, named after the mother of the pilot, Col. Paul Tibbets, took off from Tinian surrounded by only one other plane.

At 8:15 Hiroshima time, on a clear, sunny morning, it dropped an atomic bomb on that city killing 100,000 Japanese. Two days later, another B-29, *Bockscar*, dropped a second atomic bomb on Nagasaki killing 60,000 more and the war was over.

It is estimated that 100,000 allied soldiers and 1,000,000 or more Japanese soldiers and civilians would have died in the invasion of Japan that was scheduled for March 1946. All those lives were saved because of the enormous loss of lives at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Germany surrendered 11 months and two days after D-Day and Japan surrendered exactly 14 months after the invasion of Saipan. Just as the two most important battles of the Civil War, Gettysburg and Vicksburg, were fought on the same days (over the 4th of July holiday in 1863), the two most significant battles of World War II in Europe and in the Pacific were fought within nine days of each other 75 years ago this month.

There were important battles before and after Normandy and Saipan, but these two invasions were the most significant. One, D-Day has been fully recognized for its importance, while the other is now largely forgotten, as history books and movies continue to place a greater emphasis on the war in Europe than the war in the Pacific.

Even Tinian, the island from which two bombers took off to drop the only atomic bombs ever used, now lies almost vacant and the runway from which the *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar* took off has long been grown over with plant life.

Next August, there will be commemorations of the flight of the *Enola Gay*, but the brutal battles to take the Northern Marianas will not be mentioned. There were no presidents or world leaders on Saipan, Tinian, or Guam this month, as there were at Normandy. But the bloody battles for those islands were just as important to the end of World War II as D-Day.

Steve Mitchell is president of Mitchell Research & Communications and a student and former teacher of American history.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Incomplete representation

I write as a teacher of Micronesian history, a resident of Guam, a daughter of Tinian (because of my dad) and Saipan (because of my mom), a native Chamoru of the Marianas, and a proud Micronesian islander to say that I am deeply saddened and disappointed with the lack of Refaluwasch Marianas, Northern Marianas Island Chamorus, and Chamolinian voices in the recently released anthology, *Indigenous Literatures from Micronesia*.

Micronesian Islanders as a whole have always faced exclusion and, in many cases, discrimination when talking about the Pasifika experience. Our stories, our perspectives, our voices were historically left out of conversations about what it means to be a Pacific Islander. Having anthologies like this means a lot. It means representation. It means a chance to be heard. It means a chance to be seen.

This is especially important for Micronesian Islanders who may live outside the region itself, who are minorities within a minority, always having to explain not just where they are from, but what being native to a region like Micronesia means. I say this both as a teacher who currently has students (from Saipan, Tinian, and Guam) pursuing educational opportunities far away from home, and as a person who was once that student in a far-away place, feeling the pressure to succeed, wanting to represent my home, but also feeling the struggle of not being seen for who I was.

It is with this thought that I am saddened even more when I realize that my former students from Saipan and Tinian who may read this anthology may continue to feel the deeply painful emotion of being unseen. The Chamoru girl from San Jose, Tinian in Oregon. The Refaluwasch boy from Tanapag, Saipan in Washington. A Chamoru boy from Sinapalo, Rota currently in grad school in California. The Chamolinian girl from As Matuus, Saipan serving overseas. Why were their stories not included? Do they not deserve to be seen too?

For the record, what I was told when I directly inquired about this issue during the book launch was that there was only one submission from the CNMI and that one submission did not pass the blind reading because it was not "provocative enough" to be included in the anthology. Specifically because this anthology is for use in the college classroom.

If that one submission in 2010 was not "provocative enough," in the almost decade that followed prior to publishing this anthology, were there not more chances for more recruitment in the CNMI? How far was the reach for the recruitment? Who in the CNMI was contacted (or not contacted) about this? The exclusion feels deeply shameful and I don't think the excuse holds up.

The true beauty of our region is in the connection we all feel to both our greater identity as Micronesians, but also the specific cultures that we come from. The Chamoru voice from all over the Marianas is important. The Refaluwasch Marianas voice is important. The Chamolinian voice is important. Hopefully if another anthology aimed at shining a light on Micronesian voices is released, all voices will be included.

Chellette Mina Aldan San Nicolas
Yigo, Guam

BOY

From Page 10

Award for his good cheer and for lifting up those around him.

A formal award certificate, suitable for framing (or at least for hanging on the refrigerator), will be mailed to the Castejon home. While it's me handing out the award, I firmly believe people across the country join me in honoring Akalis.

You deserve it, Akalis. Just as you deserve a world that's fair and kind and just.

2019 graduates 'traverse the ethereal space'

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE' BATBON' CONNOLLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired teacher and has been named a poet laureate of Tinian. He has taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.



Students, to you 'tis giv'n to scan the heights above, to traverse the ethereal space, and mark the systems of revolving worlds." Those are the words of Phyllis Wheatley, who was brought as a slave from Africa to America in 1761, when she was 8 years old. This quote is an excerpt from a letter she wrote, "To the University of Cambridge (now called Harvard University) in New England" in 1773.

Here's a message I wrote back in 2015 to the last group of students I taught at THS. It is relevant now as they are the 2019 high school graduates and have the perspective to look back at their last four years.

"For Tinian Jr. High School 8th grade graduates 2015, Now you are graduating from eighth grade you have come a long way from Kindergarten on summer break read some books in the shade it won't be long before high school's startin.

As you proceed through educational transitions use your newly learned skills for the next four years keep focused on these new learning acquisitions thinking and reading help shift your mental gears.

What will your high school experience be? it's all up to you, just try every day read all you can, let your questions run free join in discussions, have something to say.

Keep the best of your junior high school learning! Keep your newly educated young minds burning!"

Different Pathways

For all 2019 CNMI HS graduates

Success is helped when accompanied by love from parents as their children begin to succeed in comprehending different pathways through their life as a most important and vital need. Not a single one of the high school graduates who walk across the stage with diplomas today can tell exactly where success will lead them their future is beginning just moments away. Concerned parents, teachers and all students involved with learning year after school year now face the travail of a life long journey towards success as they grin from ear to ear. Success for all when it comes right down to it begins the moment when they go out and do it.

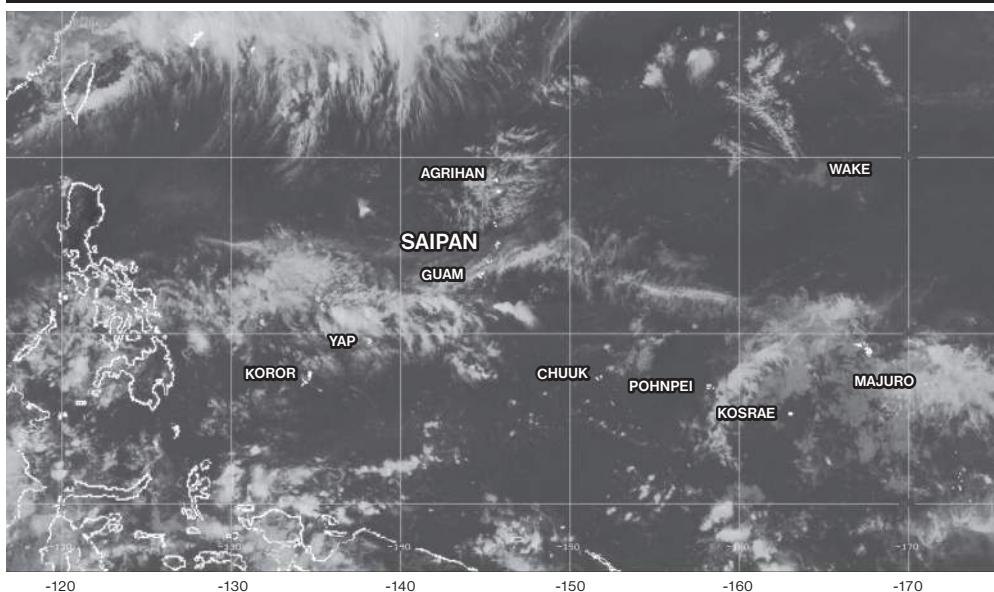
To the 2019 THS graduates: You are the last group of students I taught in my teaching career. As the song goes you'll be "always on my mind." Memorias. Adios para pagu. Biba Tinian High School, yan lokkue biba hamyo.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
89°	79°	89°	79°	89°
78°	89°	78°	89°	78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:04 AM, SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak surface trough moving through the region south of Guam has fired up showers over the southern Guam waters. Although mid-level moisture is fairly low with only weak instability, decided it was prudent to add a slight chance of thunderstorms for Guam today and continue through tonight. The risk of thunderstorms for Rota is extremely low, so the mention of thunder for there was dropped from the forecast for today. Another weak trough approaching the Marianas from the east will bring a slight increase in showers and cloud cover over the islands again Wednesday into Thursday. Decided to also add a slight chance of thunderstorms to the forecast for that period as well. Overall, rainfall looks to remain fairly low over the coming week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88°	/	80°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86°	/	78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	88°	/	81°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86°	/	81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86°	/	81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Cloudy	61°	/	54°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	90°	/	64°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88°	/	81°
Honolulu	Showers	87°	/	75°
London	Showers	63°	/	52°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	81°	/	64°
Manila	Thunderstorms	93°	/	82°
Melbourne	Sunny	64°	/	54°
Miami	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
New York	Rain	75°	/	69°
Osaka	Showers	81°	/	68°
Paris	Rain	68°	/	52°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	73°	/	61°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	91°	/	66°
Salem	Thunderstorms	82°	/	68°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	74°	/	56°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	81°	/	59°
Tokyo	Showers	73°	/	63°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	81°	/	71°



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET			
1:54 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.99	
8:01 AM	LOW TIDE	1.03	
12:30 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.52	
7:33 PM	LOW TIDE	0.06	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:10 AM	12:13 PM
Tuesday	-	12:55 AM	1:10 PM
Wednesday	-	1:39 AM	2:06 PM
Thursday	-	2:22 AM	3:01 PM
Friday	-	3:06 AM	3:56 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
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UA117	9:15am	10:00am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:15am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 3, 5, 7	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	7C3402	09:30am	3:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:10am	8:55am	1, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	6, 7
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (GHG)				HANGZHOU (GHG)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM				

Business

Trump says tariffs on Mexico suspended indefinitely

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump announced late Friday that he had suspended plans to impose tariffs on Mexico, tweeting that the country “has agreed to take strong measures” to stem the flow of Central American migrants into the United States. But the deal the two neighbors agreed to falls short of some of the dramatic overhauls the U.S. had pushed for.

A “U.S.-Mexico Joint Declaration” released by the State Department said the U.S. “will immediately expand the implementation” of a program that returns asylum-seekers who cross the southern border to Mexico while their claims are adjudicated. Mexico will “offer jobs, healthcare and education” to those people, the agreement stated.

Mexico has also agreed, it said, to take “unprecedented steps to increase enforcement to curb irregular migration,” including the deployment of the Mexican National Guard throughout the country, especially on its southern border with Guatemala. And Mexico is taking “decisive action to dismantle human smuggling and trafficking organizations as well as their illicit financial and transportation networks,” the State Department said.

The move puts to an end—for now—a threat that had sparked dire warnings from members of Trump’s own



Luis Manuel Hernandez director of Index Tijuana, speaks during the “New Opportunities for Foreign Trade” symposium at the Rosarito Convention Center near Rosarito, Mexico, Friday, June 7, 2019.

party, who warned the tariffs would damage the economy, drive up prices for consumers and imperil an updated North American trade pact. Trump’s Friday night tweet marked a sharp reversal from earlier in the day, when his spokeswoman Sarah Sanders told reporters: “Our position has not changed. The tariffs are going forward as of Monday.”

The changes, in part, continue steps the Trump administration was already taking. The U.S. announced in De-

cember that it would make some asylum seekers wait in Mexico while their cases were being proceeded—a begrudging agreement with Mexico that has taken months to scale and that has been plagued with glitches, including wrong court dates, travel problems and issues with lawyers reaching their clients.

Homeland Security officials have been ramping up slowly, and were already working to spread the program along the border before the latest blow-up. About 10,000 people have been returned to Mexico to wait out the processing of their immigration cases since the program began Jan. 29. More than 100,000 migrants are cur-

rently crossing the U.S. border each month, but not everyone claims asylum and migrants can wait an entire year before making a claim.

Any sizable increase may also be difficult to achieve. At the San Ysidro crossing alone, Mexico had been prepared to accept up to 120 asylum seekers per week, but for the first six weeks only 40 people per week were returned.

Trump had announced the tariff plan last week, declaring in a tweet that, on June 10, the U.S. would “impose a 5% Tariff on all goods coming into our Country from Mexico, until such time as illegal migrants coming through Mexico, and into our Country, STOP.” U.S. officials had laid out steps Mexico could take to prevent the tariffs, but many had doubts that even those steps would be enough to satisfy Trump on illegal immigration, a signature issue of his presidency and one that he sees as crucial to his 2020 re-election campaign.

After returning from Europe Friday, though, Trump tweeted, “I am pleased to inform you that The United States of America has reached a signed agreement with Mexico.” He wrote that the “Tariffs scheduled to be implemented by the U.S. on Monday, against Mexico, are hereby indefinitely suspended.”

Trade disruptions, taxing tech companies are talk of G-20

FUKUOKA, Japan (AP)—How to reorder the global financial system in an era of trade stand-offs and technological change held the attention of financial officials from the Group of 20 major economies on Saturday.

The central bank governors and other financial regulators meeting in this southern Japanese port city flagged risks from upsets to the global economy as Beijing and Washington clash over trade and technology.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said “no” when asked if other financial leaders attending the meetings in Fukuoka were raising concerns over the impact on global markets and trade from President Donald Trump’s crusade against huge, chronic U.S. trade deficits, especially with China.

But Mnuchin acknowledged that growth has been slowing in Europe, China and other regions.

“I’m hearing concerns if we continue on this path there could be issues. There will be

winners and losers,” he said.

Trump and members of his administration contend that the ripple effects of the billions of dollars in tariffs imposed by Washington on Chinese exports over the past year are creating new business opportunities for other businesses in the U.S. and other countries.

The G-20 officials were expected to express their support for adjusting monetary policy, for example by making borrowing cheaper through interest rate cuts, in a communique to be issued as meetings wrap up on Sunday.

Their official agenda on Saturday was focused on longer-term, more technical issues such as improving standards for corporate governance, policing cyber-currencies and reforming tax systems to ensure they are fair for both traditional and new, online-based industries.

Ensuring that governments capture a fair share of profits from the massive growth of businesses like Google and Amazon has grown in impor-

tance over the many years the G-20 finance chiefs have been debating the reforms aimed at preventing tax evasion and modernizing policies to match a financial landscape transformed by technology.

One aim is to prevent a “race to the bottom” by countries trying to lure companies by offering unsustainably and unfairly low tax rates as an incentive.

Mnuchin said he disagreed with details of some of the proposals but not with the need for action.

“Everyone, we are now facing a turning point,” Japanese Finance Minister Taro Aso told the group. “This could be the biggest reform of the long established international framework in over 100 years.”

Some European members of the G-20, especially, want to see minimum corporate tax rates for big multinationals. France and Britain have already enacted stop-gap tax systems for digital businesses, but they are not adequate, said French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Iran condemns new US sanctions on petrochemicals

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran has condemned new U.S. sanctions targeting its petrochemical industry, saying they prove President Donald Trump is not serious about pursuing negotiations. Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi was quoted by state TV on Saturday as saying the move amounts to “economic terrorism” and is in line with other hostile American policies. On Friday, the Trump administration imposed sanctions on Iran’s largest petrochemical company for allegedly doing business with the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, which the White House branded a terrorist organization in April. Trump has ramped up sanctions on Iran since withdrawing the United States from Iran’s 2015 nuclear accord with world powers last year, while saying as recently as this week that he is open to talks with Tehran.

Kroger recalls frozen berries that might have hepatitis A

NEW YORK (AP)—Grocery stores owned by Kroger across the country are recalling store-label frozen berries because they might be contaminated with hepatitis A. There have been no reported illnesses. The stores include Kroger, Ralphs, Fry’s, Fred Meyer and other chains. The recalled fruit are branded “Private Selection” and include “Frozen Triple Berry Med-

ley” in the 16-oz. and 48-oz. sizes and “Frozen Blackberries” in a 16-oz package. Kroger announced Friday that it has removed the berries from store shelves, and that customers who have them at home should not eat them. Hepatitis A, a contagious liver disease, may cause fatigue, stomach pain and jaundice. It can last a few weeks or several months and can cause liver failure in rare cases. The Food and Drug Administration discovered the contamination.

Jury awards \$11 million in lawsuit over Ohio college dispute

ELYRIA, Ohio (AP)—A jury has awarded \$11 million to a father and son who claimed Ohio’s Oberlin College and an administrator hurt their business and libeled them during a dispute that triggered protests and allegations of racism following a shoplifting incident. The Elyria Chronicle-Telegram reports a Lorain County jury Friday awarded David Gibson \$5.8 million, son Allyn Gibson \$3 million and Gibson’s Bakery \$2.2 million. An attorney said the Gibsons just wanted “the truth to come out.” Attorneys for the college and a spokesman declined comment Friday. The protests occurred after Allyson Gibson, who is white, confronted a black student who’d shoplifted a bottle of wine. Two other black students joined in and assaulted Gibson. The students pleaded guilty to misdemeanors and read statements in court saying Gibson’s actions weren’t racially motivated.

Nation

Hillary: Mueller report shows obstruction occurred

WELLESLEY, Mass.

(AP)—Hillary Clinton says there are two inescapable conclusions of special counsel Robert Mueller's report.

The first is that Russia conducted a sweeping and systemic interference into the 2016 election and the second is that obstruction of justice occurred.

"You cannot read the report, chapter and verse, fact after fact, without reaching those conclusions," Clinton said. She made the comments during an appearance with Madeleine Albright Saturday at their alma mater, Wellesley College.

"People just want to quit hearing about it and get back to their normal lives. There is nothing normal about undermining the rule of law. There is nothing normal about attacking the press. There is nothing normal about trying to undermine another branch of government," she said.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly said the Mueller report shows no collusion



Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton delivers Hunter College's commencement address, Wednesday, May 29, 2019, in New York. AP

between his campaign and the Russians.

Clinton said she was also worried that the speed of on-

line communications could make the country vulnerable

to the tactics of demagogues including what she called the

House panel highlights risks over nuclear-storage stalemate

LAGUNA NIGEL, Calif.

(AP)—Southern California's San Onofre nuclear power plant was permanently closed in 2013, but the site remains home to 3.5 million pounds (1.59 million kilograms) of nuclear waste that has nowhere else to go.

Members of a House subcommittee held a hearing Friday not far from the defunct plant to highlight the urgency behind efforts to build a long-term national repository for used radioactive fuel, a proposal that has languished for decades in Washington.

"The federal government has failed, and continues to fail, to find a solution to our country's nuclear waste problem," said Rep. Harley Rouda, a Democrat whose district is up the coast from the seaside San Onofre plant.

Even if a bipartisan agreement is reached soon, development of a site would be at least a decade away, he said. In the meantime, 8.4 million residents live within 50 miles (about 80 kilometers) of the plant, which is within sight of a busy freeway and in a region crossed by earthquake faults.

Nationally, one in three Americans lives within 50 miles of nuclear waste, Rouda said. The nation does "not have any more time to waste" to find a solution, he said, citing potential safety risks.

Development of a pro-

posed long-term storage site at Nevada's Yucca Mountain was halted during the Obama administration, although the Trump administration has moved to restart the licensing process while the plan continues to face stiff resistance in Nevada. Meanwhile, proposals in New Mexico and Texas for temporary storage sites are also facing criticism.

On Friday, New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham said she's opposed to plans to build the facility in her state.

Building a long-term storage site would lead to another question: How would the radioactive waste get there from nuclear power plants?

"There is not consensus about health and safety standards, including whether commercial spent fuel is safe where it is," said Don Hancock of the Southwest Research and Information Center, a nonprofit watchdog group. "If it is safe where it is, why move it? If it's not safe where it is, how can it be safe to transport through many other communities?"

During the hearing, Democratic Rep. Mike Levin, whose 49th District includes the plant site, urged federal regulators to increase oversight at San Onofre, which received approval in 2015 to move tons of highly radioactive fuel from storage pools into steel canisters sheathed by concrete.

Those transfers were halted about a year ago after a 50-ton canister of spent fuel was left hanging and at risk of being dropped rather than lowered 18 feet (5.5 meters) into a storage vault. Federal regulators later fined plant operator Southern California Edison \$116,000.

Levin has asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to appoint a full-time inspector at the plant, which is no longer producing power. NRC Administrator Scott Morris told the panel it would take a change in policy by the commission.

The NRC has given Edison permission to resume transferring canisters filled with nuclear waste to the separate storage site. But the commission announced this month it will conduct surprise inspections at the plant to help make sure it's running smoothly.

Edison said in a statement that it strongly encourages action by Congress, but warned that "misrepresenting the science and potential consequences of spent nuclear fuel makes the challenge of finding a ... location for storage more difficult."

"The federal government must honor its decades-long obligation to create a permanent repository and begin the process of relocating spent nuclear fuel from reactor sites throughout the country," the company said.

Archbishop didn't tell Vatican whole story on fallen bishop

CHARLESTON, W.Va.

(AP)—The archbishop appointed to investigate the former leader of the Roman Catholic Church in West Virginia says he should not have redacted from his report to the Vatican the names of clergy, including himself, who received a portion of \$350,000 in cash gifts from Bishop Michael Bransfield.

Archbishop William Lori oversaw a probe of alleged sexual and financial misconduct by Bransfield, who has denied wrongdoing.

His team's confidential findings in February prompted Bransfield's ouster from ministry.

What Lori didn't say in his final report to the Vatican in March is that he himself is among the high-ranking clergy who accepted these cash gifts.

The Washington Post reported that the before and after versions of the still-secret report to the Vatican show names of Lori and others removed.

With the Post asking questions, Lori revealed some details of the report in a letter Wednesday and followed up Friday with a video saying redacting the names was a mistake.

"If I had to do it over again, especially at a time when we are trying to create greater transparency and accountability, the report would have

bishops who received gifts, including my own," Lori said in the video.

Lori and other clergy told the Post that they thought the gifts from Bransfield came from his personal funds—and that they had no idea he was getting reimbursed for each check with church money. Lori said he returned the \$7,500 Bransfield gave him over the years, and asked the diocese to donate it to Catholic Charities.

"Investigators found no evidence to suggest that there was any expectation of reciprocity in return for financial gifts from Bishop Bransfield," Lori added.

Lori's letter and video broadly outline the findings of the investigation, but The Washington Post's report is far more detailed. It says the report concluded that in the 13 years Bransfield was bishop of the Wheeling-Charleston diocese, he spent \$2.4 million in church money on travel, much of it personal, including chartered jet flights and luxury hotel stays.

It also found that Bransfield and several subordinates spent an average of nearly \$1,000 a month on alcohol, and that the diocese spent \$4.6 million to renovate Bransfield's church residence after a fire damaged a single bathroom.

Lori said in his video that the allegations of sexual misconduct by Bransfield with

young adult men in subordinate positions were credible.

According to the Post, the report cites nine men who accused Bransfield of touching or groping them, kissing or exposing himself to them or commenting on their bodies. Bransfield abused alcohol, oxycodone and other prescription drugs, which "likely contributed to his harassing and abusive behavior," according to the report as quoted in Post.

The men have alleged that their complaints were falling on deaf ears within the church hierarchy, at a time when the Post reported that Bransfield was sending checks to a total of 137 clergymen, including two young priests he is accused of mistreating, and more than a dozen cardinals.

Some of the clergy, like Lori, have pledged to return the money in the wake of the investigation, the Post reported.

The Post also reported that church records show the West Virginia diocese reimbursed Bransfield by boosting his compensation to cover the value of the gifts, which raises legal questions. As a tax-exempt nonprofit, the diocese must use its money only for charitable purposes.

The Post said Bransfield briefly responded to its interview request, saying the allegations are aimed at destroying his reputation and that none of them are true.

Asia

Thai court sentences ex-PM to prison over lottery program

BANGKOK (AP)—A Thai court on Thursday sentenced former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra in absentia to two years in prison over his handling of a state lottery program he initiated while in office more than a decade ago.

His conviction by the Supreme Court's Criminal Division for Holders of Political Positions was for malfeasance, for carrying out a policy judged to be in violation of the

law or official regulations.

Thaksin was ousted by a military coup in 2006 and has been absent from Thailand since 2008, when he fled to avoid serving a two-year prison term on a conflict of interest conviction.

He was sentenced in April to three years' imprisonment for ordering Thailand's Export-Import Bank to make a loan to Myanmar which was used to pay a satellite commun-

cations company then controlled by him and his family.

It is not clear why this year's cases were completed such a long time after the alleged offenses.

The lottery case involved the establishment in 2003 of an effort to mimic the illegal underground lottery, a flexible game in which people could pick two- and three-digit numbers and bet small amounts, compared with the official system of lottery tickets with fixed numbers and fewer potential winning

opportunities.

The illegal lottery is hugely popular, and Thaksin's scheme was an attempt to steer some of the money that went to it to government coffers instead.

The court found that Thaksin ignored standard administrative practice in starting the new lottery, which was discontinued when he was forced from office.

Thaksin, who maintains a home in Dubai and travels frequently, could not be reached for comment but has consistently denied any wrongdoing

while in office and described the cases against him as politically motivated.

Thaksin used his wealth as a telecommunications billionaire to create a political party that won a 2001 general election, making him prime minister. By instituting populist policies, he won the allegiance of many of the country's rural majority and urban poor.

His political popularity, however, threatened the influence of the country's traditional ruling circle, including royalists, industrialists and the military,

and after protests accusing him of abuse of power, the army ousted him in a 2006 coup.

The coup set off a long and sometimes violent struggle for power between Thaksin's supporters and opponents. The courts, one of Thailand's most royalist and conservative institutions, played a major role in fighting comebacks by his political machine with controversial rulings that consistently whittled away at his allies, ultimately forcing three other prime ministers loyal to him to step down.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Sri Lanka leader opposed to police attending attacks inquiry

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena is opposed to police testifying before a parliamentary inquiry into intelligence failures that preceded the Easter Sunday suicide attacks that killed more than 250 people, the president's media unit said. Sirisena met with senior officers Friday evening and told them he doesn't favor intelligence officers being summoned by a parliamentary committee to discuss sensitive details in the presence of the media, the media unit said in statement. The meeting between Sirisena, who is also the minister of defense and police, and senior police officers came after intelligence officials, former bureaucrats and the suspended national police chief testified before the commission and described shortcomings in the security sector. Sirisena promised to protect officers who refuse to attend the committee hearings, the statement said. Hemasiri Fernando, the former secretary to the Defense Ministry who resigned after the blasts, told the committee that Sirisena as his minister wasn't easily accessible for private discussions.

“regret,” according to the island's official Central News Agency. The extraditions are the latest stemming from a 2016 investigation into Spain-based scam operations that targeted victims in China. Police from both countries raided 13 sites in Madrid, Barcelona and elsewhere in Spain in December of that year, the Chinese Public Security Ministry said. The amount of money involved totaled 120 million yuan (\$17 million), the ministry said in a statement on its website. Similar scams operate from several countries and usually prey on Chinese. The callers typically masquerade as Chinese authorities and pressure or persuade the victims to transfer money to the scammers' accounts.

Strong winds delay retrieval of climbers' bodies in India

LUCKNOW, India (AP)—Retrieving the bodies of five climbers of an international team from a notoriously dangerous Himalayan mountain isn't immediately possible because helicopters are having difficulty operating due to strong turbulence, an Indian official said Saturday. Uttarakhand state Magistrate Vijay Jogdande also said the Indian Mountaineering Foundation could launch a ground expedition to help evacuate the bodies, which have been spotted at an altitude of 5,000 meters (16,404 feet). He was responding to a statement by the foundation Saturday that it was ready to launch an expedition. The foundation complained that it has been waiting for the permission of state authorities for the past three days.

Veteran British mountaineer Martin Moran led the team of four Britons, two Americans, an Australian and an Indian on the expedition on Nanda Devi East. Moran's Scotland-based company said the climbers set out May 13.

Spain extradites 94 Taiwanese to China on phone scam charges

BEIJING (AP)—Spain has extradited 94 Taiwanese to China to face telephone and online fraud charges, drawing protest from Taiwan's government. The suspects arrived Friday morning at Beijing airport on a chartered flight. Footage on state broadcaster CCTV showed uniformed officers escorting them off the China Eastern plane one-by-one. Taiwan's Foreign Ministry expressed “serious concern and strong

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In this Friday, March 22, 2019 file photo, former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra welcomes his guests for the wedding of his youngest daughter Paetongtarn “Ing” Shinawatra at a hotel in Hong Kong.



Modi visits Maldives, signaling India's return as key ally

MALE, Maldives (AP)—Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi made his first overseas trip since being elected to a second term by traveling to the Maldives, where the new president pledged closer ties with New Delhi in a departure from his predecessor's pro-China policy.

Modi met with Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih on Saturday evening and later addressed the Maldives' Parliament. It was the first visit by an Indian prime minister to the South Asian archipelago nation in eight years.

According to a joint statement, Solih reaffirmed his government's “India-first policy” and pledged full support toward deepening “the multifaceted, mutually beneficial partnership between India and the Maldives.”

Solih's stand is a marked shift from his predecessor Yameen Abdul Gayoom, who developed close ties with Bei-

jing in an area India considers as its backyard.

Several agreements were signed between the two countries covering health, cargo and passenger transportation by sea, customs services and other sectors.

India had been concerned with Yameen's leaning toward China, which is seeking more influence in the Indian Ocean region. Yameen had pledged support for China's “Belt and Road” initiative and China invested in many infrastructure projects in the Maldives.

Addressing Parliament, Modi underscored the importance of the Indo-Pacific region, saying “it has been our lifeline, and also the highway for trade and prosperity.”

He called terrorism was the biggest threat facing the world and there could be no distinction between the so-called “good” and “bad” terrorists.

“State sponsorship of terrorism is the biggest threat today.

It is time for a global conference on terrorism,” he said. The Maldives is predominantly Sunni Muslim and has been seen as a fertile ground for militants, many of whom fought with the Islamic State group in Syria.

During his visit, India and the Maldives agreed to set up a joint working group on counterterrorism, countering violent extremism and deradicalization.

The two countries also agreed to strengthen coordination in enhancing maritime security in the Indian Ocean region “through coordinated patrolling and aerial surveillance, exchange of information, and capacity building,” the joint statement said.

India and the Maldives highlighted the importance of combating climate change, which especially affects developing countries including small island developing states such as the Maldives, through the Unit-

ed Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.

Modi will travel to Sri Lanka, another of India's neighbors, on Sunday for a one-day visit. His choice of the Maldives and Sri Lanka for his first overseas trip since being reelected this spring “underlines the continued emphasis that the government lays on the ‘neighborhood first’ policy,” Indian Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said ahead of Modi's trip.

Since first becoming prime minister in 2014, Modi has stressed a “neighborhood first” policy for the South Asian region, promising neighbors prioritized benefits of India's economic growth.

The Maldives mended ties with India with Solih's election as president last year. Solih's first overseas trip was to India, and since then, several Maldivian ministers have visited India for bilateral talks.

World

US carrier in Persian Gulf region sends clear signal to Iran

ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (AP) — Under a starry sky, U.S. Navy fighter jets catapulted off the aircraft carrier's deck and flew north over the darkened waters of the northern Arabian Sea, a unmistakable signal to Iran that the foremost symbol of the American military's global reach is back in its neighborhood, perhaps to stay.

The USS Abraham Lincoln, with its contingent of Navy destroyers and cruisers and a fighting force of about 70 aircraft, is the centerpiece of the Pentagon's response to what it calls Iranian threats to attack U.S. forces or commercial shipping in the Persian Gulf region. In recent years, there has been no regular U.S. aircraft carrier presence in the Middle East.

U.S. officials have said that signs of heightened Iranian preparations to strike U.S. and other targets in the waters off Iran as well as in Iraq and Yemen in late April emerged shortly after the Trump administration announced it was clamping down further on Iran's economy by ending waivers to sanctions on buyers of Iranian crude oil.

The administration went a step beyond that on Friday, announcing penalties that target Iran's largest petrochemical company.

On Saturday the Lincoln was steaming in international waters east of Oman and about 200 miles from Iran's southern coastline. One month after its arrival in the region, the Lincoln has not entered the Persian Gulf, and it's not apparent

Thousands pour into Colombia as Venezuela reopens border

CÚCUTA, Colombia (AP) — Thousands of people crossed into Colombia on Saturday to buy food and medicine after Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro reopened a border between the countries that had been shut down for the past four months.

Long lines of Venezuelans stood at two international bridges near the city of Cúcuta waiting to have their documents checked by Colombian officials, with some carrying children on their shoulders. Venezuelan border guards dressed in green uniforms helped control the crowd.

The South American nation's socialist government ordered the borders with Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Brazil and Colombia closed in February as the opposition tried to deliver food and medical supplies into the country.

Most of the aid was provided



In this Saturday, June 1, 2019 photo, a U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress assigned to the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, and the U.S. Navy carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, conduct joint exercises in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility in Arabian sea. AP

that it will. The USS Gonzalez, a destroyer that is part of the Lincoln strike group, is operating in the Gulf.

Rear Adm. John F. G. Wade, commander of the Lincoln strike group, said Iran's naval forces have adhered to international standards of interaction with ships in his group.

"Since we've been operating in the region, we've had several interactions with Iranians," he said. "To this point all have been safe and professional — meaning, the Iranians have done nothing to impede

our maneuverability or acted in a way which required us to take defensive measures."

The Lincoln's contingent of 44 Navy F-18 Super Hornets are flying a carefully calibrated set of missions off the carrier night and day, mainly to establish a visible U.S. "presence" that Marine Gen. Frank

McKenzie, the head of Central Command, said Saturday seems to have caused Iran to "tinker with" its preparation for potential attacks.

He said on Friday that he thinks Iran had been planning

some sort of attack on shipping or U.S. forces in Iraq. Two other officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive details, said Iran was at a high state of readiness in early May with its ships, submarines, surface-to-air missiles and drone aircraft.

"It is my assessment that if we had not reinforced, it is entirely likely that an attack would have taken place by now," McKenzie said.

In an interview on the bridge, or command station,

of the Lincoln with reporters who are traveling with him throughout the Gulf region, McKenzie said the carrier has made an important difference.

"We believe they are recalculating. They have to take this into account as they think about various actions that they might take. So we think this is having a very good stabilizing effect," he said.

"They are looking hard at the carrier because they know we are looking hard at them," McKenzie said.

Third candidate for UK prime minister reveals past drug use

LONDON (AP) — Britain's environment secretary acknowledged using cocaine on "several occasions" two decades ago, the latest politician hoping to become prime minister to reveal past drug use to circumvent negative headlines during what is expected to be a heated contest.

Environment Secretary Michael Gove, 51, told the Daily Mail that using cocaine was a mistake and "something I deeply regret," but he didn't think it should exclude him from office, the newspaper reported Saturday. An upcoming biography of Gove includes the revelation of his drug use.

Gove is just the latest Conservative Party candidate in the crowded race to replace Prime Minister Theresa May to go public with confessions about using illegal substances.

In recent days, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt told the Times of London he drank a

"cannabis lassi" in his youth while backpacking in India. International Development Secretary Rory Stewart told the Telegraph he smoked opium at a wedding in Iran 15 years ago.

May stepped down as party leader Friday, conceding she had failed in her attempt to withdraw the country from the European Union. She remains prime minister and is leading the government in a caretaker capacity until her successor is chosen.

So far, 11 lawmakers have announced they plan to seek the post of Conservative Party leader. The head of the party that won the most recent election typically serves as prime minister. Nominations for the Conservative's leader close Monday afternoon.

The issue of drug use has long been an issue in political campaigns. In 1992, U.S. presidential hopeful Bill Clinton famously said he tried

He said earlier in the week that he had not ruled out requesting additional defensive forces to bolster the deterrence of Iran, whose economy is being squeezed hard by U.S. sanctions after President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. last year from the 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers. The U.S. already has announced plans to send 900 additional troops to the Mideast and extend the stay of 600 more as tens of thousands of others also are on the ground across the region.

Iran's influential Revolutionary Guard has said it doesn't fear a possible war with the U.S. and asserted that America's military might has not grown in power in recent years. "The enemy is not more powerful than before," the Guard spokesman, Gen. Ramazan Sharif, said in late May.

The U.S. has accused Iran of being behind a string of recent incidents, including what officials allege was sabotage of oil tankers off the coast of the United Arab Emirates.

McKenzie spent two days aboard the Lincoln to confer with naval commanders, observe both daytime and nighttime flight operations, and to thank crew members. Their deployment plans were disrupted when the White House approved McKenzie's request in early May that the Lincoln cut short its time in the Mediterranean Sea and sail swiftly to the Arabian Sea.

marjuana while at Oxford University but "didn't inhale."

The remark became the subject of derision, including by then-Sen. Barack Obama, who said in 2006: "When I was a kid, I inhaled. ... That was the point."

But as the Conservative leadership campaign heats up, it remains unclear how party members will receive the news.

The favorite on betting markets is Boris Johnson, a former foreign secretary and the head of the 2016 referendum campaign to leave the EU. Johnson told GQ in 2007 he had tried cocaine and cannabis.

"There was a period before university when I had quite a few (cannabis joints)," he said. "It was jolly nice. But apparently it is very different these days. Much stronger."

"I've become very illiberal about it. I don't want my kids to take drugs," Johnson added.

Focus

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MEXICO CITY (AP)—As Washington and Mexico City both took victory laps Saturday over a deal that headed off threatened tariffs on Mexican imports, it remained to be seen how effective it may be and migration experts raised concerns over what it could mean for people fleeing poverty and violence in Central America.

Other than a vague reiteration of a joint commitment to promote development, security and growth in Central America, the agreement focuses almost exclusively on enforcement and says little about the root causes driving the surge in migrants seen in recent months.

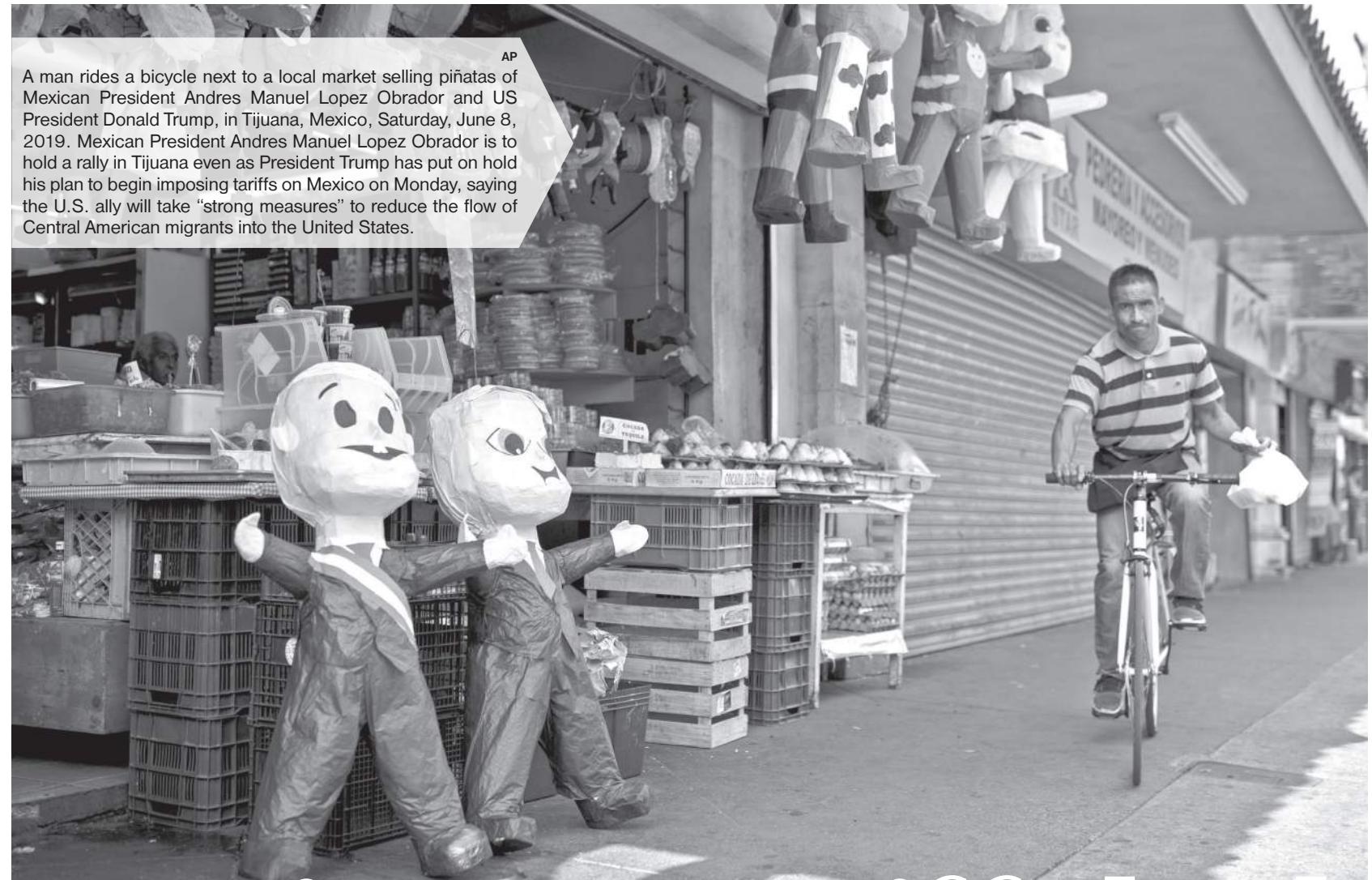
“My sense is overall the Mexican government got out of this better than they thought. The agreement though leaves a lot of big question marks,” said Andrew Selee, president of the Migration Policy Institute. “It’s good that the two sides reached an agreement which allows both of them to save face, but it’s not clear how easy it is to implement.”

The deployment of 6,000 National Guard troops appears to be the key commitment in what was described as “unprecedented steps” by Mexico to ramp up enforcement, though Interior Secretary Olga Sánchez Cordero said that had already been planned and was not a result of external pressure.

“I have said before, migration into Mexico also has to be regulated ... orderly, legal and safe,” Sánchez Cordero told The Associated Press. “So the National Guard that we were going to deploy anyway, we’re going to deploy. It’s not because they tell us to, but rather because we’re going to do it anyway.”

Mexico was already increasing enforcement such as detentions, deportations and checkpoints. In recent weeks it broke up the latest migrant caravan, snuffing out most appetite for traveling in large, visible groups.

If Mexico does more as promised, it’s likely to be seen in intensifications of those same efforts, experts said—raids on hotels where migrants stay or on bus companies transporting them north to the U.S. border. The two countries also agreed to collaborate to share information on and disrupt people-smuggling networks, a new focus seen earlier this week when Mexico arrested two migration activists and froze accounts of over two dozen people alleged to have organized caravans.



Mexico-US tariff deal: Questions, concerns for migration

Observers said a concern is that even more aggressive enforcement could put migrants with legitimate asylum claims at risk of being deported from Mexico to the dangers they fled in the first place. Also, Mexican security forces are known for often being corrupt and shaking migrants down for bribes. A renewed crackdown is seen as making migration through Mexico more difficult and more dangerous, but doing little to discourage Central Americans desperate to escape poverty, hunger and violence.

At the Movimiento Juventud 2000 shelter in Tijuana, across from San Diego, migrants were camped out Saturday in dozens of orange tents in the warehouse-like space with corrugated metal roofs and siding. Reyna Vázquez, from Honduras, urged people to reflect on why people like her leave home, family and country.

“If they were to think about that and instead of closing the door give us an opportunity to show that we are people who want to work and all we want is a future for our children and our family,” Vázquez said.

Maureen Meyer, an immigration expert at the Washington Office on Latin America,

said people are fleeing their home “regardless of what the journey might mean and regardless of what chance they may have for seeking protections in Mexico or in the United States.”

“It seems like in all these discussions (over tariffs and immigration) the human reality of these people and why they’re leaving Central America was lost,” she continued. “It was ‘what can we do to stop them,’ and not ‘what can we really do to create the conditions in their home countries so that people don’t have to leave.’”

Another key element of the deal is that the United States will expand a program known as the Migrant Protection Protocol, or MPP. According to Mexican immigration authorities, since January there have been 10,393 returns by migrants to Mexico while their cases wend their way through U.S. courts.

MPP has been plagued by glitches and so far has been introduced only in California and El Paso, Texas, and Selee said there are logistical hurdles to further expansion. Right now the MPP figure of 10,000 or so represents “a drop in the bucket” compared to overall migration, he added.

Foreign Relations Secretary Marcelo Ebrard, who led the negotiations, said the agreement does not include any quotas.

If MPP does roll out on a mass scale along the United States’ entire southern border, it could overwhelm Mexican border cities. Mexico promised to offer jobs, health care and education for returnees, but has little infrastructure to do so. Currently most shelters and support programs are run by the likes of NGOs and the Roman Catholic Church.

And if the program were to include places like Tamaulipas, the Gulf coast state where cartels and gangs control large swaths of territory, migrants could be at even greater risk.

“You know this is an area that the U.S. government considers that it’s not safe for any American citizen,” Meyer said, referring to the State Department’s highest-level warning against all travel to Tamaulipas due to crime and kidnappings. “And yet it’s OK for us to send people back there?”

Still, the deal was hailed by many in Mexican industry and politics.

Arturo Rocha, a Foreign Relations Department spokes-

man, tweeted late Friday that it was “an unquestionable triumph for Mexico.” Avoiding tariffs sends a calming message to ratings agencies worried about a possible trade war, he said, adding that President Andrés Manuel López Obrador’s government had won U.S. recommitment to Central American development and resisted “safe third country” designation, a concession sought by Washington that would have required asylum seekers to apply first in Mexico.

However Abdel Camargo, an anthropologist at the Frontera Sur College in southern Mexico, said that by accepting MPP returnees, “Mexico does not become a safe third country but de facto is going to act as one.”

Some such as Felipe Calderón, who was president as a member of the conservative National Action Party, questioned whether Mexico was truly master of its own migratory policy. But José Antonio Meade, a five-time Cabinet minister who lost last year’s election to López Obrador, praised Ebrard for avoiding damaging tariffs “in the face of very complex conditions.”

In San Jose del Cabo for a

summit of North American mayors, Juan Manuel Gastelum of Tijuana, across from San Diego, said he’s fine with more migrants being returned to his city as long as the federal government invests in caring for them. He added that the threat of tariffs may have been necessary to force his country’s hand.

“How else was Mexico going to understand that it is not right to leave migration uncontrolled?” said Gastelum, who is a member of National Action.

In the far southern Mexican town of Ciudad Hidalgo, across the river border from Guatemala, Reynaldo Reyes Gavidia, sat in the main square. A native of Honduras, he’s been in and out of Mexico over the years and said he was returning this time due to violence back home.

Gavidia said he didn’t know much about the National Guard beyond rumors that it was coming, but he wasn’t concerned about being deported—his documents were in order. Not so for many other migrants.

“Most are worried,” Gavidia said, “because they could be set upon at any time. ... There will be no sleeping here today.”

Health & Wellness

With trendy keto diet, is Texas barbecue actually good for you?

By CHARLES SCUDDER
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It's a Texas meat-head's dream.

Eat lots of barbecue, all while losing weight and keeping fit.

Experts say an exclusively barbecue diet might not be the best decision for your overall health. But with the new keto diet trend, which emphasizes fats and protein, eating lots of barbecue is potentially—can you believe it?—healthy.

According to the tenets of a ketogenic or keto diet, increasing fat intake while excluding carbohydrates causes the body to go into ketosis, a state of burning more fat than sugar.

"With keto, it eliminates those sugar cravings," said Mary Alexander, a keto enthusiast from Rockwall. Barbecue "is totally keto. There is no better style and no better cut."

Alexander said she takes

the keto lifestyle a step further and has gone "carnivore." She only eats animal products including meat, eggs and butter. Now, she says, Texas barbecue joints are one of her best bets for the fatty meats that help her stay in shape.

"There's no better place to be a carnivore than Texas," she said. "I don't think I've ever been healthier."

Pitmaster Todd David said his offerings at Addison's Cattleback Barbecue could be downright good for you, if consumed properly.

"A barbecue protein diet under paleo or one of the others would be better than another meat diet," David said. "I don't eat barbecue three times a day, but I could see someone doing it."

WHAT IS KETO?

The ketogenic diet emphasizes fats and proteins while trying to eliminate carbs and sugars. The ancestral food community—think paleo—points to

indigenous cultures like the Inuits who lived on a diet primarily of fatty whale blubber.

The idea behind keto is that the body loses weight better when burning fat rather than burning sugar or glucose. Eliminate the glucose, and you'll just burn fat.

The diet isn't safe for everyone, and involves a total diet overhaul to really work. Many experts agree that the way many people attempt keto doesn't fit the necessary framework for a true ketogenic diet.

To work, a ketogenic diet consists of 75 percent of calories from fat, 20 percent protein and 5 percent carbohydrates. Compare that to an average American diet that consists of about 50 percent carbs, says Dallas nutritionist Megan Lyons.

With that fatty, meaty diet, then, doesn't barbecue fit the bill?

Texas-style barbecue in particular has a leg up on some Northern and Eastern varieties. A proper Texas brisket is served with a simple salt and pepper rub and, most importantly, no sugary sauce. Sauce-free meat is definitely keto.

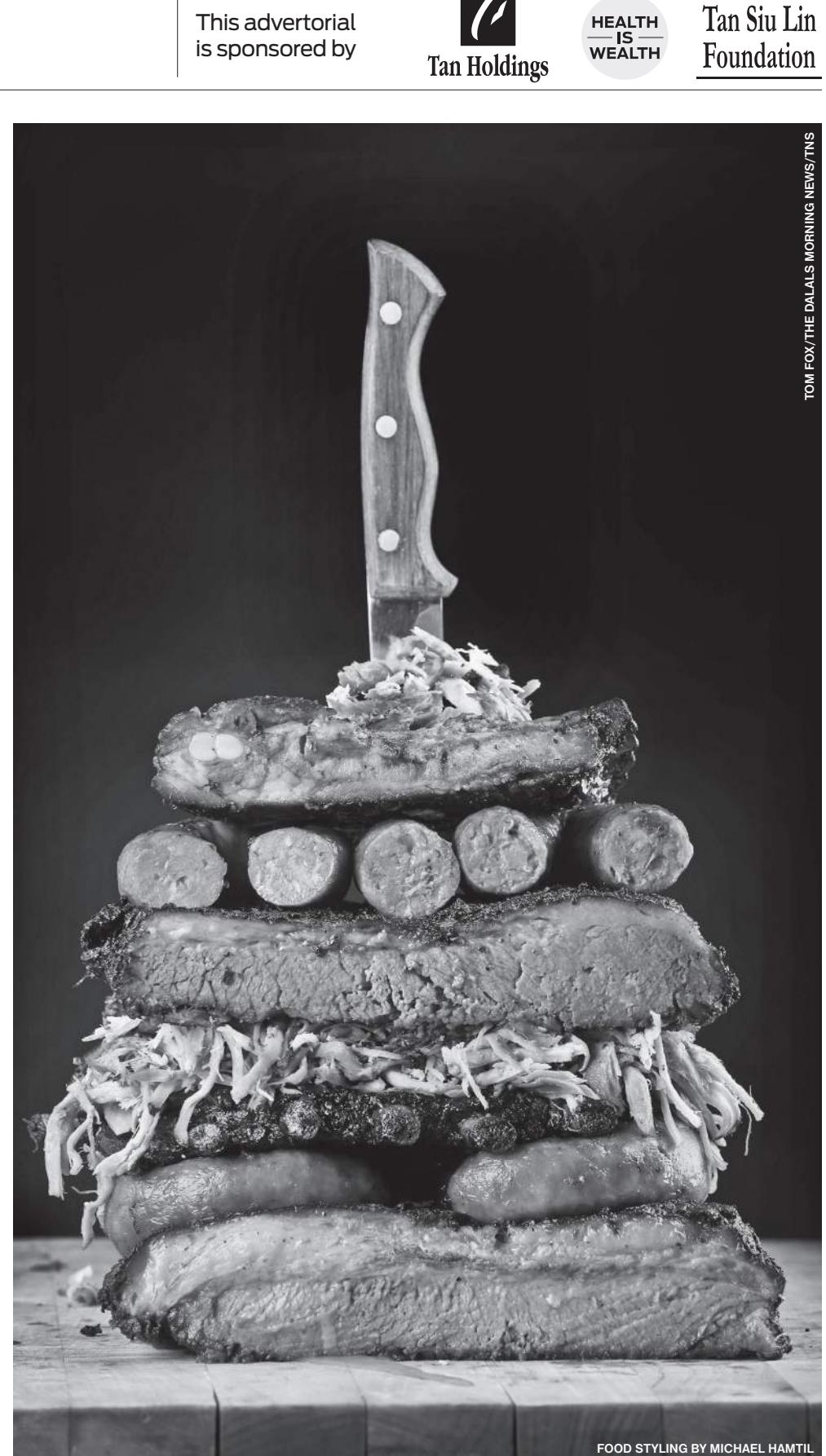
The traditional serving of white bread is also no-go, as are sugar and carb-heavy sides like potato salad, beans and coleslaw.

BEFORE YOU GO ALL IN ON BARBECUE ...

But despite the theoretical health benefits of a radically fat- and protein-heavy diet, eating only barbecue might be a stretch.

"If you ate just barbecue, first thing that comes to mind is you'd be super constipated," Lyons, the nutritionist, said. "There are very few people who are very well-adapted for a meat-heavy diet."

Sometimes, people who try keto miss nutritional benefits of fresh produce, Lyons said. A true keto diet would eliminate many fruits and vegetables, missing out on



FOOD STYLING BY MICHAEL HAMIL

Brisket, ribs, sausage, and pulled pork are piled high, Thursday, July 12, 2018. Barbecue can be part of the keto diet.

healthy micronutrients.

"The reason keto is so popular is people are hungry for a quick, easy fix," Lyons said. "I don't think you need to go so extreme."

WELL-BALANCED BARBECUE

Still, there are ways to make even an occasional indulgence of barbecue healthier.

Start with as high quality of meat as possible within your budget. David said Cattleback only serves Akaushi Wagyu

beef with a higher proportion of healthier monosaturated fat than other kinds of beef. What's more, he said, barbecue's low and slow preparation means a lot of that fat is broken down as it cooks.

Lower fat content, however, isn't what someone trying keto would look for. Alexander, the carnivore from Rockwall, said a true keto diet involves lots of avocado, nuts and coconut oil to increase fat intake while lowering protein intake.

"If you eat meat all day long

at a barbecue place, you'll have trouble with that," Alexander said. "It's like anything else. You have to tweak it for what works for you."

Lyons also said throwing some vegetables on the grill can help make your cookout healthier. It might not be keto, but smoked green beans, broccoli, squash or cucumber can be simple, nutritious and tasty.

"It's the No. 1 way people enjoy veggies," Lyons said. "And most people don't think of it."



Mary Alexander of Rockwall has lost 65 lbs since going on the keto diet. Mary is also experimenting with the carnivore diet. She is photographed at Mike Anderson's BBQ in Dallas, Thursday, July 12, 2018.

Heart health challenge: Get moving

Have your best intentions to start an exercise regimen at the beginning of the year faltered? It happens to many of us. We get busy with our day-to-day lives and before we know it,

we are back to our old habits. That's why Dr. Amy Pollak, a cardiologist at Mayo Clinic's Florida campus, challenges us to get at least 20-30 minutes of exercise each day. Regular

exercise helps prevent and improve a number of health problems, including high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity and depression.

Pollak says exercise doesn't

have to be boring and urges us to incorporate activities we enjoy into our daily schedule. Ideas include walking at least 10,000 steps a day, dancing, swimming or biking.

Here are some tips to help keep you motivated:

- Put it on paper
- Join forces with family, friends or co-workers
- Reward yourself
- Be flexible (*Mayo Clinic News Network*)



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Life & Style

Julia Roberts, Spike Lee toast Denzel Washington at event

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Denzel Washington was the man of the hour Thursday night with everyone from Julia Roberts to Spike Lee turning out to celebrate him as this year's recipient of the AFI Life Achievement Award. But when he finally took the stage to accept the honor he did something unexpected: At his own award ceremony, Washington turned the spotlight away from himself and gave his wife of 40 years, Pauletta Washington, her own standing ovation.

The crowd of multigenerational Hollywood A-listers, from Michael B. Jordan and Mahershala Ali to Cicely Tyson and Morgan Freeman, readily obliged.

"I would not be alive without Pauletta Washington," Washington said. "I wouldn't survive."

It's a difficult task to have a moment stand out in an evening that included a surprise Beyoncé appearance (there briefly to present an honor to director Melina Matsoukas) and an earth shattering rendition of Sam Cooke's "A Change is Gonna Come" by Jennifer Hudson that brought Washington to his feet, but he managed to do it.

As Roberts, Tyson and others attested throughout the evening, two-time Academy Award-winner Denzel Washington is a family man first. Seated alongside Pauletta Washington, his son Malcolm Washington, Lee, Tyson and directors Carl Franklin and Ed Zwick, the 64-year-old was for two hours taken on an emotional tour through his storied career in Hollywood—from eager newcomer to movie star to acclaimed director—by those who were by his side.

"We're all here because we love Denzel," said Lee, who has directed Washington in four movies ("Mo' Better Blues," "He Got Game," "Malcolm X" and "Inside Man"). "Denzel represents our black manhood."

Lee, the final speaker of the evening, likened Washington to other "G.O.A.Ts" (greatest of all time) like Michael Jordan, Ella Fitzgerald and Miles Davis.

"That's the rarefied air that Denzel Washington lives and breathes in," Lee said.

Lee also said that, although he might be biased, "Malcolm X is the greatest performance ever committed to celluloid."

And others were just as effusive. Roberts recalled that working with him on "The Pelican Brief" was like "working with the Beatles."

He is, as Jamie Foxx put it, "someone who is just better than everybody else ... when it comes to acting!"

"Even Leonardo DiCaprio is like, 'I am really frightened of Denzel,'" Foxx added.

The American Film Institute brought out a host of the next generation's brightest talents to talk about Washington's impact on them, too.

"Mr. Washington's arrival was a seismic moment for my generation. You paved the way," Ali said. "Your influence, your reach transcends race without ever denying it."

Michael B. Jordan said he was inspired by the story that while filming "Glory," Washington kept wearing his fake scars in a scene where he had his shirt on. Jordan employed the same technique for his "Black Panther" character.

Chadwick Boseman even went so far as to say, "There is no 'Black Panther' without Denzel Washington."

Issa Rae brought Washington to tears of laughter as she recounted the very adult noises she remembers her mom and aunt making while watching his movies when she was a little girl. She came to understand it, she said, when she watched "Devil in A Blue Dress" when she was a little older.

Washington stayed alert and amused throughout the evening, laughing heartily when Jodie Foster said that they were all there to, "kiss your black a—," and yelling "Let it out, Morgan!" when Freeman took a long pause after announcing with an expletive how jealous he was. He and Lee were as playful as schoolboys during the "hoodwinked and bamboozled" speech from "Malcolm X," reciting the lines along with the reel, and he accepted a long line of well-wishers during the dinner break.

And when it finally came time for him to speak, in addition to thanking his wife for "40 years of sacrifice and 40 years of forgiveness," Washington used his moment on stage to talk about God and those who have helped him along the way.

"If nothing else I'm living proof of the power of God," Washington said. "I like acting. I like making movies ... But my love for God is stronger than anything else."

The 47th AFI Life Achievement Award Gala, put on with the support of Audi, also recognized Matsoukas with the Franklin J. Schaffner Alumni Medal, providing everyone with an early thrill when Be-

yoncé came out to speak about her friend and collaborator, who directed her "Formation" video among others.

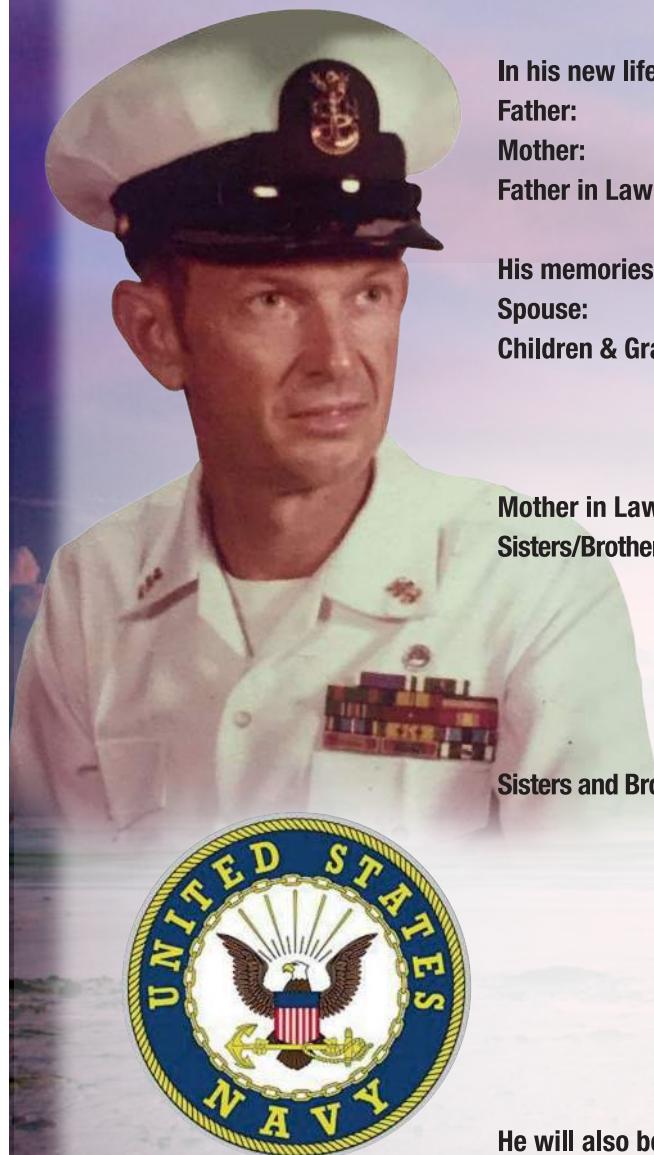
Actor Denzel Washington addresses the audience as he accepts the 47th AFI Life Achievement Award during a ceremony at the Dolby Theatre, Thursday, June 6, 2019, in Los Angeles.



In Celebration of His New Life

+PAUL FREEMAN LEE

lovingly known as Captain Lee/Master Chief Lee
Passed away May 30, 2019 at the Naval Hospital Guam



In his new life, he now joins his:

Father: †George A. Lee
Mother: †Willie Mae Young
Father in Law: †Jose B. Pangelinan



His memories will forever live in the heart of his:

Spouse: Barbara Pangelinan Lee
Children & Grandchildren: Steve & Angie Lee (Kierah, Keondre, Mia)
Michelle & Frankie Cabrera (Anthony, Leilani, Victoria)

Paul & Alpha Gem Lee (Zachary)
Carmen B. Pangelinan

Martha & †Lester Jackson

Mary & †Floyd Black

Georgia & †Morgan Peed

Joanne Lee Robins

Edward Lee

Carl & †Donna Lee

Lucy & John Aldan

Eddie & †Bernie Pangelinan

George Pangelinan & Frances Mafnas

Helen & Robert Taitano

Melisa & Joe Litulmar

Cathy & Joe Salas

Michael & Bert Pangelinan

Pauline & Bill Camacho

Mother in Law:

Sisters/Brothers and in law:

Sisters and Brothers in laws:

He will also be missed by his numerous Nieces and Nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at Cabrera Funeral Home, Garapan. Viewing will commence at 8:00 am. Prayer and Memorial services will be held at 10:00 am followed by interment service at CNMI Veterans Cemetery at Marpi, Saipan.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'a'e

BOBBIE PANGELINAN LEE, CHILDREN AND FAMILY

Pomp, parade mark Queen Elizabeth II's official birthday



Britain's Queen Elizabeth, center, and members of the royal family attend the annual Trooping the Colour Ceremony in London, Saturday, June 8, 2019. AP

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II marked her official birthday Saturday with the annual Trooping the Color parade, a traditional display of British pageantry at its very best.

About 1,400 soldiers in ceremonial scarlet coats and

bearskin hats marched past the queen in a ceremony on Horse Guards Parade in Westminster. Royals taking part included Prince Charles, Prince William and his wife Kate, and Prince Harry and his wife Meghan—who appeared in her first public outing since

giving birth to their son, Archie, to watch the birthday fly-past of military aircraft.

Baby Archie did not appear, but another young royal almost stole the queen's limelight when he made his debut on Buckingham Palace's balcony. One-year-old Prince Louis, the

youngest child of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, waved frantically at the first of the helicopters in the show.

The queen marks her birthday twice a year—an official ceremony is always held in June, in hopes of holding the parade in good weather. Her actual birthday, on April 21, is usually celebrated with close family only.

Thousands of spectators lined the parade ground and gathered in nearby St. James's park to watch the spectacle

in sparkling sunshine. They then walked down the road leading to Buckingham Palace, gathering at the gates to honor the monarch ahead of the fly-past, the punctuation mark of the annual event.

It's been a big week for the monarch. Demonstrating the close link between the monarchy and the armed forces, she was the center of ceremonies marking the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings, the invasion of France that marked the beginning of

the end of the Nazis.

But if the 93-year-old sovereign was tired, it didn't show. She waved and smiled as she emerged on the balcony and the crowd roared.

The ceremony originated from traditional preparations for battle. The colors—or flags—were “trooped,” or carried down the lines of soldiers, so they could be seen and recognized in battle. The regimental flag being paraded this year is from the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

UN: Venezuela exodus grows, Angelina Jolie to visit region

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—The number of Venezuelans who have left their country in recent years has surpassed 4 million, the United Nations said Friday ahead of a visit to the region by UNHCR envoy Angelina Jolie.

The U.N. refugee agency said the number of Venezuelan refugees and migrants rose by 1 million after November, indicating a rapid escalation as economic conditions deteriorated and a conflict between the government of President Nicolás Maduro and the opposition intensified.

“These alarming figures highlight the urgent need to support host communities in the receiving countries,” said Eduardo Stein, the U.N.’s Joint Special Representative for Venezuelan refugees and migrants, in a statement. “Latin American and Caribbean countries are doing their part to respond to this unprecedented crisis but they cannot be expected to continue doing it without international help.”

The exodus comes amid a grinding political standoff between Maduro and opposition

leader Juan Guaidó.

Guaidó, who heads the opposition-controlled congress, revived a flagging movement in January by declaring himself interim president, quickly drawing recognition as Venezuela’s rightful leader from the U.S. and more than 50 nations.

But Maduro, with the support of the military and allies Cuba and Russia, has defiantly held on to power in the face of U.S. oil sanctions that are adding to misery in a nation hit hard by hyperinflation and widespread fuel, food and power shortages.

A record number of Venezuelans have fled the country’s crisis, with Latin American countries hosting most of them.

More than 1.3 million Venezuelans are in Colombia, followed by 768,000 in Peru and large numbers of migrants in Chile, Ecuador, Brazil and Argentina, UNHCR said. Mexico and countries in Central America and the Caribbean are also hosting significant numbers of refugees and migrants.

On Friday, Jolie planned to start a two-day trip to the Co-

lombian border with Venezuela to assess the migrant crisis caused by the country’s tumult. She is scheduled to visit a border camp where Venezuelan migrants are staying in tents and hold a news conference in the Colombian region of La Guajira on Saturday.

Jolie last visited the region in October, when she met Venezuelan refugees in Peru.

UNHCR says the goal of operations at its camp in Maicao is to provide shelter and food to the most vulnerable migrants and refugees, while partner organizations help legalize their status, find housing, or relocate them to other areas of Colombia. When a camp resident leaves, the space is given to someone else who has recently arrived from Venezuela.

One initiative known as the Quito Process has brought together countries affected by the migrant crisis to formulate a coordinated response, while another plan was launched last December with the aim of helping 2.2 million Venezuelans and 580,000 people in 16 countries.

FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Maria Manahane
Muna Sablan*

*Though her smile is gone
forever and her hand
I cannot touch,
I still have so many
memories of the one
I loved so much.*

Please join us in prayers as we remember our beloved on the First Anniversary of her life in Heaven.

Holy mass of intention will be celebrated daily at 6am at Mount Carmel Cathedral beginning June 4 through June 12. On the final day, June 12, 2019, an appreciation breakfast will be served after the mass at the Joeten Daidai Social Hall.

With humble and sincere appreciation for your presence, thoughts and prayers.

The Family

Lil Nas X's 'Old Town Road' inspires autistic boy to sing

ATLANTA (AP)—An Atlanta rapper's take on country music has inspired a mostly nonverbal autistic boy in Minnesota to sing.

Lil Nas X has found huge success with the song, "Old Town Road." It has sparked controversy, spawned a clothing line, made the rapper a household name and got his collaborator Billy Ray Cyrus a Maserati.

Now, it's being credited for doing a lot more.

Cottage Grove, Minnesota, mother Sheletta Brundidge tweeted Tuesday about her family's "#oldtownroad miracle." The Atlanta Journal Constitution reported she filmed her 4-year-old son, Daniel,



AP
This undated photo provided by Sheletta Brundidge shows Brundidge and her son Daniel.

humming the tune and then singing the lyrics. Now, she says therapists are using the music in his sessions.

Cyrus retweeted the video and Lil Nas X, whose real name is Montero Lamar Hill, tweeted "What a King" in re-

sponse to the clip.

"Old Town Road" climbed the Billboard charts in April and gained national attention when Billboard removed it from the Hot Country Songs chart, declaring it not country enough. The song has now spent nine weeks at No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart and even broke the streaming record previously held by Drake.

Hill recently partnered with Wrangler and released a clothing line inspired by the song.

Writer sues after losing book deal over transit worker flap

WASHINGTON (AP)—A writer who faced social media backlash for calling out a transit worker eating on a train sued her publisher Friday after it cancelled her book deal over the controversy.

Lawyers for Natasha Tynes filed suit against publisher Rare Bird Lit., Inc. in Los Angeles County Superior Court, saying the company breached its contract and defamed the Maryland author. She's seeking \$13.4 million in damages.

In May, Tynes tweeted a picture of a female worker eating on a Washington Metro train with the message: "When you're on your morning com-

mute & see @wmata employee in UNIFORM eating on the train I thought we were not allowed to eat on the train. This is unacceptable. Hope @wmata responds."

When the D.C.-area agency's Twitter account reached out for more information, Tynes replied with the time, the train and the direction it was traveling.

But scores of Twitter users criticized her for shaming the black worker, despite being a minority writer. Tynes is Jordanian American.

A transit worker union official said at the time that woman had been taking a break while going from one job to another.

The union official also noted that Metro Transit police no longer enforce the ban on eating and drinking on trains.

Tynes later apologized, deleted the tweet and took down her personal website.

But the publishing house, which didn't respond to an email seeking comment Saturday, swiftly condemned her comments and said it was canceling her book deal.

Tynes "did something truly horrible today in tweeting a picture of a metro worker eating her breakfast on the train this morning and drawing attention to her employer," Rare Birds said in a statement.

"Black women face a constant barrage of this kind of inappropriate behavior directed toward them and a constant policing of their bodies."

In the lawsuit, Tynes' lawyers say the company's inflammatory statements forced their client to temporarily flee back to Jordan with her family because they endured weeks of online harassment, including death threats and racial slurs. The incident also caused Tynes "extreme emotional distress" and prompted her hospitalization for chest pains, severe anxiety and suicidal thoughts, according to the lawsuit.

Dan + Shay spill details of the Jonas-Turner secret wedding

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—How secretive was the wedding of Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner? So secretive that even performers Dan + Shay didn't tell their own significant others.

"We were walking on eggshells. We didn't even tell our wives we were going there,"

said Dan Smyers, half of the country duo. "Getting to sing a song at the wedding was a big deal for us."

Jonas and Turner tied the knot May 1 in a secret ceremony at the Little White Chapel in Las Vegas following the Billboard Music

Awards. Dan + Shay performed "Speechless"—a song inspired by their wives—and there was an Elvis Presley impersonator as well.

Actress Turner and Jonas, part of the pop act The Jonas Brothers, are pals with Dan + Shay and asked them to per-

form since they were already attending the Billboard show.

"That was the craziest couple of hours of our lives," said Shay Mooney, the other half of Dan + Shay. "That was wild. But they are close friends of ours and it was cool to be there for that special moment."

Man is stunned by delayed grief over loss of his wife

DEAR ABBY: My wife died recently. We were very happy. We had six beautiful children and were married for 58 wonderful years.

It has been a month since her funeral, and I have been able to cope somewhat with her loss. But suddenly, a couple of days ago, I experienced a tremendous wave of grief and thought I would go crazy with not being able to see her again. I began to be afraid I'd have to be hospitalized, perhaps in a psychiatric ward and medicated. But my son told me this condition (everything "hitting" you in a delayed reaction) has been documented in a majority of cases. Is this true?

GRIEVING TEXAN

DEAR GRIEVING TEXAN: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your wife. I am sure you feel her loss profoundly.

Not everyone grieves in the same way. Some feel numb and can't understand why they can't feel anything after a loved one dies. Others feel the loss immediately and can't sleep, eat or stop crying.

Your son is absolutely right. What happened to you is not unusual. However, if feelings of being out of control persist, you should discuss them with your doctor.

DEAR ABBY: One of our in-laws recently confessed about

a long-term affair. The details are widely known. The closest family members, and especially the couple's adult children, are shocked, devastated and angry. No one wants to even talk to the cheater.

The aggrieved spouse wants to keep the marriage together. It is hard to imagine that time will heal these wounds. How can my wife and I support the aggrieved spouse and the devastated children? Should we try to re-establish ties with the cheater? If so, do we just talk about the weather, or do we acknowledge the elephant in the room?

TRYING TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT

DEAR TRYING: If you truly want to support the spouse and adult children, let them know you are there for them if they want to talk. If you socialize with the husband and wife as a couple, continue to behave as you always have with them and discuss the topics you always did. Couples can get past turbulence in their marriage more easily without unsolicited interference.

DEAR ABBY: I was paying bills and saw that my husband sent his mother flowers for Mother's Day. It stung because I received nothing from him. ZIP. In the past, he has stated that I am not his mom, suggesting there's no reason to celebrate the mother of HIS child who birthed HIS child on Mother's Day 10

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Judge: Spacey accuser's phone must be turned over to defense

NANTUCKET, Mass.

(AP)—A Massachusetts judge says a phone used by a young man who says Kevin Spacey groped him at a bar must be turned over to the defense. The actor's lawyer told the judge at a hearing Monday that they need the accuser's phone so an expert can try to recover text messages his lawyer says support Spacey's claims of innocence. Nantucket District Judge Thomas Barrett said Friday that the phone must be turned over by June 21. Spacey is accused of groping the then-18-year-old man in a crowded bar on the resort island in 2016. Spacey's lawyers say the man deleted text messages that could help the actor's defense. Spacey attended Monday's hearing but didn't speak or respond to questions from reporters. The accuser's attorney de-

clined to comment Friday.

Obamas to produce exclusive podcasts for Spotify

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Barack and Michelle Obama's production company is teaming up with Spotify to produce exclusive podcasts for the platform. Under the Higher Ground partnership announced Thursday, the former president and first lady will develop and lend their voices to select podcasts. The Obamas launched Higher Ground in 2018 with an initial partnership with Netflix. The idea was to raise new, diverse voices in the entertainment industry. The Spotify partnership seeks to expand the conversation. In a statement, the former president says podcasts offer an opportunity to "foster productive dialogue, make people smile and make people think." Michelle Obama says she hopes they can help people connect emotionally and open their hearts and minds.

Spike Lee calls for Hollywood to 'shut it down' in Georgia

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Director Spike Lee is calling for

Hollywood production companies to leave Georgia over a law that would ban abortions as early as six weeks, upon detection of a fetal heartbeat.

Most studios that have commented have said they're waiting to see if the so-called "heartbeat" law actually takes effect next year, or if the courts will block it. But at the arrivals line for Denzel Washington's American Film Institute lifetime achievement tribute Thursday, Lee said now is the time for Georgia-based productions to "shut it down" and

boycott the state's booming film industry to drive change.

Lee acknowledged that a mass exodus could dent livelihoods, but cited black bus drivers affected by the Civil Rights Movement-era boycott in Montgomery.

"I know it's going to affect people's livelihood. But that's how things change," Lee said.

"You've got to be on the right side of history, and the state of Georgia and those other states, they're wrong," he added.

Georgia's economy currently gets a \$9.5 billion annual boost from the industry.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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years ago. Should I be annoyed?

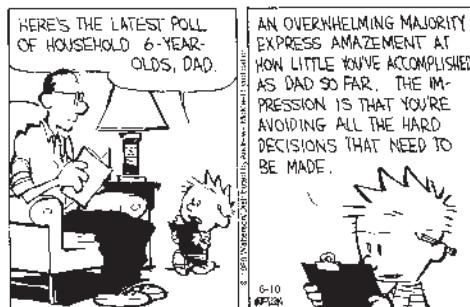
UNSURE IN OREGON

DEAR UNSURE: Most husbands have more brains than the cheap, insensitive man you married. I am tempted to suggest that you "forget" him on Father's Day and when he asks why, tell him he's not your father. You are a mother because he helped you become one, and he shouldn't forget that fact.

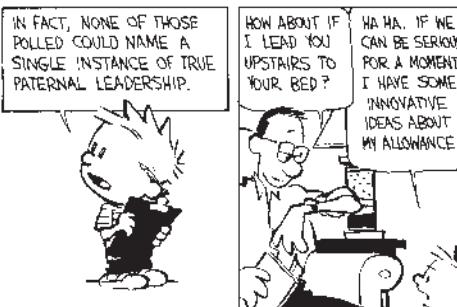
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Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Waterson



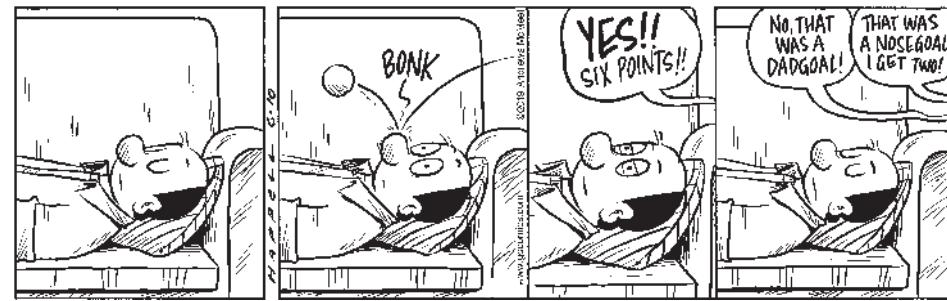
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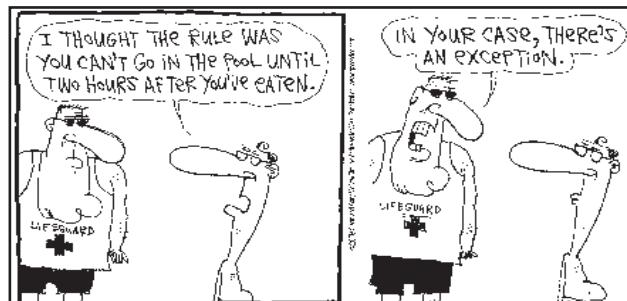


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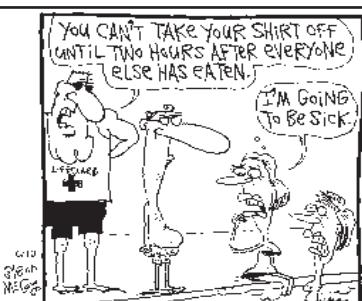


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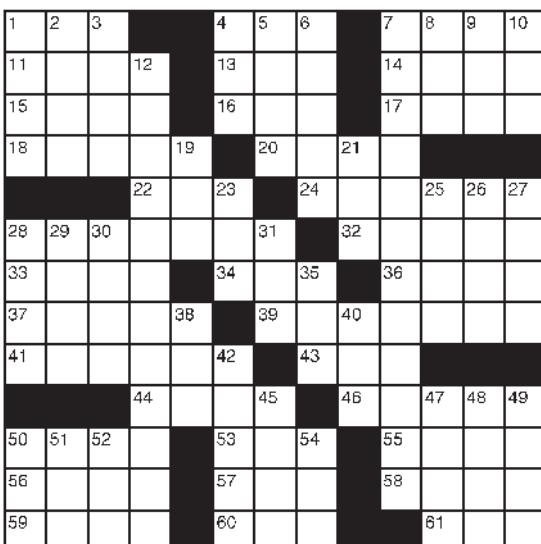


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By Eugene Sheffer

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7 Rum cake	50	"— and Away"	5	Release	28	Brownish purple	29	Dazzle
11 Sir Guinness	53	Charged bit	6	Throat	30	Lawn affliction	31	—
13 Cistern	55	Duel	7	Self-serve	32	Party	33	—
14 Modern taxi rival	56	Fan publication	8	Honest	34	Auto- mobile	35	—
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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUDET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwords. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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IN THE MATTER OF
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FCD-CN Civil Action
No. 19-0243
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: June 24, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Judge: Hon. Teresa
Kim-Tenorio

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rachel Shijie Lin has filed a Petition asking for a change of name to Rachel Sze Chit Lam; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on June 24, 2019, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. All persons objecting to the Petition shall file such objections with the Court prior to the date and time fixed for hearing, and shall serve copies of said objections upon Peter B. Prestley at Prestley Law, LLC, whose address is PMB 183, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2019.

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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 12, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom MBP, before Honorable Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

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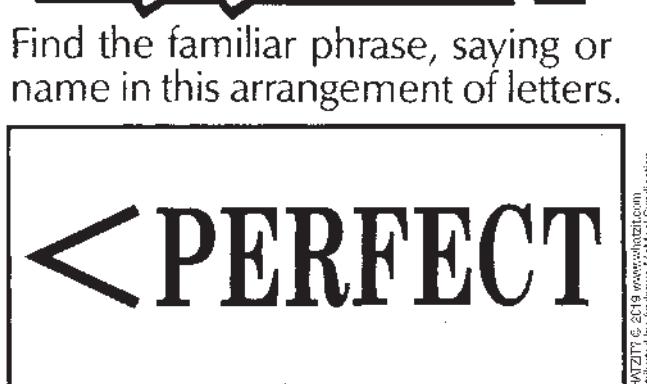
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On cusp of title, Raptors not looking to celebrate yet

TORONTO—Shawn Livingston dropped a leaner in the paint and the crowd, desperate for a reason to come to life in what may be the last game played at the Oracle Arena, started clapping and rising to their feet. The Warriors had nine minutes left to erase a 10-point deficit in Game 4 of the NBA Finals, a feat that was once, during their heyday, more of an expectation than a challenge. Child's play, really.

Stephen Curry and Livingston swarmed Pascal Siakam, a fingernail away from tipping the ball away. Kyle Lowry slipped a pass underneath Draymond Green's splayed out legs, and Serge Ibaka—who scored 12 of his 20 points in an 11-minute stretch of the second half—turned, rose and nailed the right hook, while Curry slapped at his elbow. The whistle blew, Ibaka pumped his fist, marched to the line and completed the 3-point play.

Three years ago in the Western Conference finals, Ibaka helped anchor the Thunder defense that nearly brought Golden State to its knees, only to watch them rattle off three straight wins and erase a 3-1 deficit. He knows what the mighty Warriors are capable of with their backs against the wall. They are the Goliath that thrives when it's treated like David, thriving on doubt and pushing the accelerator right when they sense a lull in their opponent.

Prior to the Finals, we asked Ibaka the biggest lesson he took away from that series. "If you have an opportunity to beat them," he said, "go for it. Don't relax."

So every time the Warriors made a run in the second half,



AP
Toronto Raptors center Marc Gasol (33) is defended by Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson, left, and center DeMarcus Cousins during the second half of Game 4 of the NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Friday, June 7, 2019.

there was Serge—cutting hard to the basket, making extra passes he never made before May, drilling the triple that gave Toronto its fifth and final lead, running out to contest shooters. He wasn't the only one.

In Game 2, the Raptors succumbed to the stuff of legend, a tradition that had endured despite Kevin Durant's absence: a blistering third-quarter Warriors run. In the second half of Game 4, Leonard cut through the game's frenetic tension by opening the half with a three in transition, swiping Draymond Green in the post, drib-

bling down the floor, slowing down to a halt, assessing his space and drilling another one. Few players have a sense of where they are and what they can pull off in a moment quite like Leonard does. He can simply take command of a game.

"Kawhi Leonard came out and hit two big F-you shots to start the half," said Fred VanVleet after the game. "There's no defense for that. There are no schemes for that. That's two big-boy shots that he came out of the half with. That just kind of let

you know how we were going to approach the third quarter and the rest of the half." Every successive onslaught the Raptors survived makes the prospect of a series comeback harder to fathom.

Of course, it would still be foolish to assume the Warriors—these Warriors—couldn't rip off three straight victories, especially if Kevin Durant returns.

The lesson of Ibaka's past, in the end, could be the Warriors' rallying cry. They know the road ahead will be hard.

They also know it's not impossible.

"It's not over. It's not a good feeling right now, obviously, but we have been on both sides of it," Curry said after the game. "It's an opportunity for us to just flip this whole series on its head, and you got to do it one game at a time. It sounds cliché, and for us that's literally the only way we're going to get back in this series, is give everything we got for 48 minutes. In our locker room we're talking about believing, everybody out there believe that we can get this done. We can draw on those experiences that we had back in the day and see what happens."

Reports indicate that after two straight wins, the Raptors came out of the locker room quiet and business-like, as uncelebratory as their best player. Four of their critical pieces—Leonard, Danny Green, Marc Gasol and Ibaka—understand what it's like to have Golden State on the ropes. The Warriors have the institutional knowledge. What they won't have is the element of surprise.

"He's been really good," Raptors point guard Kyle Lowry said earlier this week in Oakland, Calif. "We're in the Finals for a reason, and he's helped us get here."

Because the NBA is rightfully such a player-driven league, it often feels like the standard for great coaching in the playoffs is when it fades into the background. For the most part, we only judge the big, obvious gaffes—when a coach leaves his bench out there too long or doesn't react quickly enough to a new look or gambles in a way that doesn't pay off. When a coach employs a smart, subtle strategy adjustment that changes the flow of a game or a series, it often goes overlooked.

But this time, it really does seem like Nurse is pulling all the right levers for Toronto in ways that are obvious and under-the-radar.

Analysis: Warriors' hopes hinge on Durant coming back

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—When Game 4 was over, while Toronto fans were waving Canadian flags in celebration inside an otherwise-stunned Oracle Arena, a glum-faced Kevin Durant was outside the Golden State locker room to greet equally glum teammates as they sauntered off the floor.

That's been his only visible role on game nights in the NBA Finals.

If that doesn't change Monday, this series is probably going to end.

With it, in that case, so would Golden State's reign as NBA champions. And then it's possible that Durant, a free-agent-in-waiting, has played for the Warriors for the last time.

Durant limped off the floor at Oracle Arena a month ago—Game 5 of the second round—with what the team called a mild calf strain. It's apparently the most severe

"mild" calf strain in the history of injuries, because he hasn't played since and there's no way of knowing if that's going to change on Monday.

And the Warriors clearly need him if they're going to pull off a comeback against the Raptors in these NBA Finals.

"Nobody's going to feel sorry for us at all," Warriors guard Stephen Curry said. "It's just a matter of can we get it done or not, and we're going to leave it all out there starting on Monday."

That'll be the case, with Durant or not.

Here's reality: Any Durant is better than no Durant for the Warriors right now. His mere presence might throw the Raptors off just enough to create more chances for the rest of the Warriors. It's really the only card the Warriors have left to play at this point.

They've been trying, with limited success.

Even with Durant.

The Raptors are 5-1 against

the Warriors this season, even going 2-0 in the regular season when Durant scored 51 in one game and 30 in another. The Warriors just looked tired on Friday night, weary against a Toronto team that has had every answer in this series. They haven't been able to muster the offense they need against Toronto.

With Durant, that story could be different.

But even if he plays on Monday, after not playing for a month, how good could he be anyway? Even someone as talented as Durant, who is in the conversation of "best player in the world" right now, can't fake rhythm. Throwing him into an elimination game in the NBA Finals, after not playing for a month, is an unbelievably daunting ask.

It might be what's required.

"We're hoping he can play Game 5 or 6," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said.

Nurse making all the right moves

For all the numbers and analytics that drive so many decisions in the NBA, there is no real data set that can quantify the impact of a head coach. Differentiating a great one from a good one from one who is utterly replaceable remains a parlor game for our eyes, often dependent on factors completely outside their control.

Davies sets club record, Brewers beat Pirates



MILWAUKEE (AP)

—It wasn't pretty, but Zach Davies did something Saturday that no other starting pitcher in Milwaukee Brewers history had done before.

Despite a shaky outing, Davies became the first Milwaukee starter to open a season with seven straight wins, hanging on for five innings before the Brewers' bullpen finished off a 5-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I just read that," Davies said of the milestone. "I think after the season, it'll be a fun time to kind of reflect back on it. This year, coming up a game short of the World Series last year, that's the goal for us. Our focus is forward on that."

Davies (7-0) gave up seven hits, including a home run, and left with a 4-3 lead. Four relievers blanked the Pirates on one hit, with Josh Hader striking out the side in the ninth for his 15th save.

"He's performed each and every time out," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. "He's given us those two starts after extra-inning games that we desperately needed and then deep in the games. A day like today when he is a little off to start the game, battled through it and still keeps you in the game and puts up enough zeroes that the offense takes care of him. He's pitching really well and it's important."

Ryan Braun had an RBI single in the fourth that put the Brewers ahead to stay. Mike Moustakas hit his 19th home run and pinch-hitter Manny Piña added a late homer.

Milwaukee moved to a season-high nine games over .500 and beat the Pirates for the fifth time in six games this year.

Braves 1, Marlins 0

In Miami, Julio Teheran pitched six sharp innings, rookie Austin Riley scored the only run and Atlanta edged the Marlins.

The Braves won despite getting only three hits and improved to 5-0 this season at Marlins Park. Miami had just four hits.

Teheran (4-4) gave up two hits and struck out five. Luke Jackson recorded four outs for his ninth save.

Riley hustled for a leadoff double in the seventh against Trevor Richards (3-6), took third on a flyout and scored on Tyler Flowers' sacrifice fly.

Tigers 9, Twins 3

In Detroit, JaCoby Jones homered twice and drove in a career-high five runs in the Tigers' win over Minnesota.

Christin Stewart also homered for the Tigers, who had



AP Milwaukee Brewers starting pitcher Zach Davies throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates Saturday, June 8, 2019, in Milwaukee.

pitcher Jon Lester, Caratini hit a tiebreaking bases-loaded double in Chicago's four-run sixth inning and the Cubs beat St. Louis.

Caratini lined the first pitch from John Gant to left field. Marcell Ozuna attempted a sliding catch, but the ball dropped and rolled to the wall, allowing three runs to score.

"Acting as if it's your third or fourth at-bat of the day and just being aggressive is the key, at least for me," Caratini said through a translator. "Honestly, I was just really happy I was able to contribute to us getting a win."

Dodgers 7, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Corey Seager didn't question the Giants' strategy of avoiding the National League's most dangerous hitter. He just made sure it backfired.

Seager had three of his four hits and three of his four RBIs following intentional walks to Cody Bellinger, and the Los Angeles Dodgers went on to beat the Giants.

"The situation called for it," he said. "What he's been doing called for it. It's a baseball move. It puts some guys on for you, which can be a big situation for you and lock you back in. It's nice to have guys on and you understand the move."

Seager singled in the first to load the bases after the Giants gave the first free pass to Bellinger, had an RBI single in the third after the second, and broke the game open with a two-run double in the eighth after the third intentional walk to make it 7-2.

Mets 5, Rockies 3

In New York, Steven Matz did his best to convince Mets manager Mickey Callaway that the team's Top 3 starters are now a fab four.

Matz struck out 10, tied a career-high by throwing 120 pitches and earned the win as the Mets beat the Colorado Rockies.

"He's been a big part of a big four, there's no doubt in my mind," Callaway said. "And I think he can keep the big four intact."

Matz has been accompanied by high expectations since he was selected by the Mets in the second round of the 2009 draft. But he didn't pitch professionally until 2012 due to Tommy John surgery and has endured five trips to the injured list due to arm injuries over the last three seasons.

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lost three straight and 13 of 14 at Comerica Park.

Nick Ramirez (2-0), Detroit's second pitcher in a bullpen game, gave up one run and three hits with three walks in three innings.

Kyle Gibson (6-3) gave up five runs and eight hits with two walks in five innings.

Indians 8, Yankees 4

In Cleveland, rookie Oscar Mercado hit a two-run homer off CC Sabathia to break a fifth-inning tie and the Indians defeated the Yankees

Roberto Perez homered in his fourth straight game for Cleveland. The Indians have won four of five on their homestand against AL division leaders New York and Minnesota.

Didi Gregorius hit a home run in his second game back with New York this season. The Yankees have lost five of six.

Sabathia (3-3), denied the 250th win of his career for the second straight outing, appeared to injure his leg fielding a groundball earlier in the fifth. The 38-year-old left-hander was removed after the fifth, allowing four runs.

Riley hustled for a leadoff double in the seventh against Trevor Richards (3-6), took third on a flyout and scored on Tyler Flowers' sacrifice fly.

the Astros.

Nunez homered in the sixth inning and the Astros tied it in the bottom half on a sacrifice fly, but a solid defensive play by right fielder Anthony Santander ended the threat.

It was still tied in the eighth when Will Harris (1-1) took over for starter Framber Valdez and Hanser Alberto greeted him with a double to left field. Trey Mancini singled, and Nunez reached when Alberto got caught in a rundown between third and home for the first out.

Phillies 4, Reds 1

In Philadelphia, Nick Pivetta struck out six in his first career complete game, Jay Bruce had a two-run single and the Phillies beat Cincinnati.

Pivetta (4-1) allowed six hits in his third start since his demotion to the minors. The right-hander is 2-0 with a 1.80 ERA since being recalled from Triple-A Lehigh Valley.

J.T. Realmuto hit a solo homer for the NL East leaders. Reds starter Tanner Roark (4-5) gave up four runs and six hits in five innings.

Pivetta retired 17 straight batters after allowing two hits to start the game.

Rays 9, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Ryan Yarbrough held Boston to an unearned run into the eighth inning, Tra-

vis d'Arnaud hit a three-run homer and Tampa Bay took the opener of the day-night doubleheader.

It was the Rays' fourth straight victory and made them 4-0 at Fenway Park this season.

Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a solo homer for Boston, which has dropped the first two of a four-game series.

The 27-year-old Yarbrough (5-2) limited Boston to three singles, striking out seven without issuing a walk before Bradley homered off the Pesky Pole in the eighth.

Rangers 10, Athletics 5

In Arlington, Tim Federowicz homered in his first big league game this season, Nomar Mazara also went deep and Texas beat Oakland in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

Jeffrey Springs (4-1) worked three innings in relief of starter Joe Palumbo, the lefty who went four innings in his big league debut after being recalled from Double-A Frisco.

Texas went ahead to stay with a three-run first off Paul Blackburn (0-1), who was called up as Oakland's 26th player for the doubleheader after being in Triple-A Las Vegas all season.

White Sox 2, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Lucas Giolito

worked into the eighth inning and had a career-high 11 strikeouts to win his seventh consecutive start, outdueling Brad Keller as Chicago beat Kansas City.

Giolito (9-1) allowed three hits and two walks in 7 2/3 innings.

Rookie Eloy Jimenez hit a two-run homer in the second inning off Keller (3-8), who worked eight innings, allowing two runs on five hits, with one walk and four strikeouts.

Diamondbacks 6, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, Zack Greinke and four relievers combined on a five-hitter, Alex Avila and Kevin Cron hit solo home runs and Arizona topped Toronto.

Nick Ahmed drove in two runs as the Diamondbacks won their third straight.

Greinke (7-2) allowed four hits in six innings to win for the first time in four starts. Matt Andriese pitched the eighth and Zack Godley finished.

Toronto was blanked for the fifth time this season. The Blue Jays have scored two runs or fewer five times in their past seven games.

Cubs 9, Cardinals 4

In Chicago, Victor Caratini and the Cubs rallied from an early deficit and extended their mastery over the St. Louis Cardinals at Wrigley Field.

Pinch-hitting for starting

Djokovic's run ends; Thiem vs Nadal in finals

PARIS (AP) — Novak Djokovic's 26-match Grand Slam winning streak ended in the French Open semifinals because he made some odd strategic choices, because the wild weather bothered him, because the chair umpire got under his skin.

Mostly, though, because Dominic Thiem managed to outperform Djokovic at his own brand of defense-to-offense, speed-and-power baseline game.

Thiem put an end to the No. 1-ranked Djokovic's bid for a fourth consecutive major championship Saturday with a dramatic 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5 victory in a wind-whipped and rain-interrupted match that spanned more than four hours over two days.

"I don't want to point out some reasons or find excuses for this loss," said Djokovic, who had won nine of his past 10 five-setters and was 29-9 overall in such matches. "I mean, he took it, he won it, and well done to him."

It wasn't easy. Shouldn't be against Djokovic, who kept digging holes for himself and climbing out.

Thiem wasted two match points with quick unforced errors when serving for the victory at 5-3 in the fifth, but he made his third chance count, smacking a forehand winner to break Djokovic in the last game.

"An epic match. I mean, so many ups and downs. And rain, going back to the locker, on court again. Somehow I had the feeling that I had the lead in the whole match, and then at the end, it got so tough," Thiem said. "Both of us, we could win, and I luckily got the better in the end."

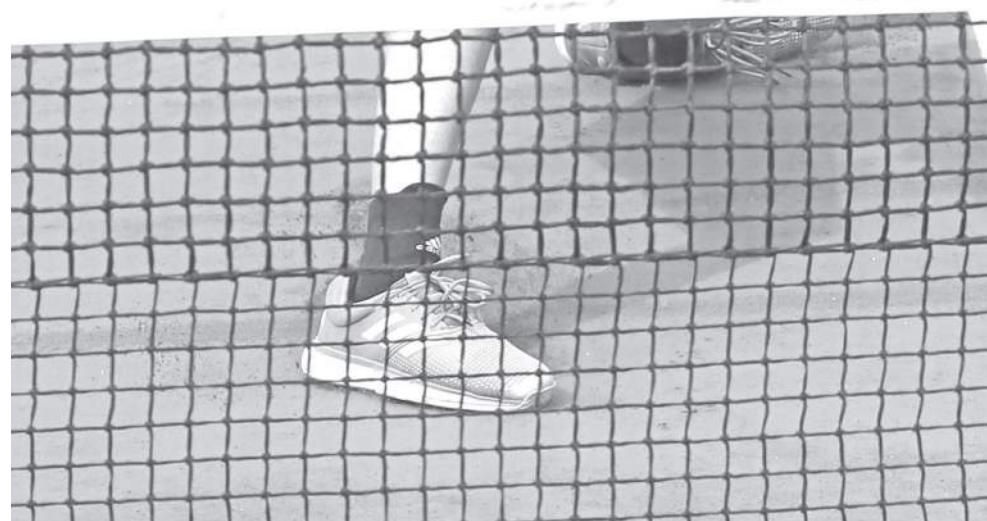
Djokovic was stopped two victories short of collecting his fourth consecutive major championship, a run that began on the grass at Wimbledon last July, then continued on the hard courts of the U.S. Open and Australian Open.

Instead, it is Thiem, an Austrian ranked No. 4, who now gets a chance to win his first Grand Slam trophy on the red clay of Roland Garros.

Thiem will face 11-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal on Sunday in a rematch of last year's final. Nadal won that one, part of an 8-4 lead for the Spaniard in their head-to-head series.

"All the time, if someone reaches the finals here, it's against Rafa," Thiem said with a laugh.

It will be the fourth straight day that Thiem is in action because of postponements, whereas Nadal will be well-rested, having played his quarterfinal Tuesday and his



Austria's Dominic Thiem plays a shot against Serbia's Novak Djokovic during their semifinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Saturday June 8, 2019.

Hard to recover from that sort of collapse.

But Thiem regrouped. It was Djokovic who faltered—

and who lost, something he hadn't done on a Grand Slam stage since the 2018 French Open quarterfinals.

It's a Barty party: Australian wins 1st major at French Open

PARIS (AP) — Ash Barty knew she needed a break from tennis, from the pressure and expectations, from the week-in, week-out grind. So she stepped away in 2014 and wound up trying her hand at cricket, joining a professional team at home in Australia.

After almost two years away, Barty was pulled back to the tour. Good choice. Now she's a Grand Slam champion.

Taking control right from the start of the French Open final and never really letting go, the No. 8-seeded Barty capped a quick-as-can-be rise in her return to the sport by beating unseeded 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-3 Saturday for her first major championship.

"I never closed any doors, saying, 'I'm never playing tennis again.' For me, I needed

time to step away, to live a normal life because this tennis life certainly isn't normal. I think I needed time to grow as a person, to mature," Barty said.

And as for why she came back three years ago?

"I missed the competition. I missed the 1-on-1 battle, the ebbs and the flows, the emotions you get from winning and losing matches," said Barty, who will jump to a career-best No. 2 in the rankings Monday behind Naomi Osaka. "They are so unique and you can only get them when you're playing and when you put yourself out on the line and when you become vulnerable and try and do things that no one thinks of."

That last part is an apt description of how she approaches each point, looking for just the right angle or speed, understanding where an opponent might be most vulnerable at any given moment. After using her slice backhand, topspin forehand and kick serve to do just that to Vondrousova, she called it a "kind of 'Ash Barty brand' of tennis."

Vondrousova's take?

"She's mixing things up. And she has a huge serve," Vondrousova said. "So it's all, like, very tough to play against."

Barty raced to a 4-0 lead and then held on, showing that she learned her lesson after blowing a 5-0 edge in the opening set of her quarterfinal victory a day earlier against another unseeded

teenager, 17-year-old American Amanda Anisimova.

"An absolute roller-coaster," Barty called it.

Her coach, Craig Tyzzer, said the two of them huddled with Ben Crowe, who helps Barty with the mental side of things, and they had a "really good discussion about it" to make sure she'd avoid that sort of trouble in the final.

Neither Barty, 23, nor Vondrousova had ever played in a Grand Slam final before.

Neither had even been in a major semifinal until this week, either. But it was only Vondrousova who seemed jittery at the outset; she was playing at Court Philippe Chatrier for the first time.

Barty wound up with a 27-10 edge in winners to become the first Australian to win the trophy at Roland Garros since Margaret Court in 1973.

"I played the perfect match today," Barty said.

Pretty close to it, particularly at the beginning. By the end, Barty compiled a 27-10 edge in winners.

It took all of 70 minutes to wrap things up.

"She gave me a lesson today," said Vondrousova, who is ranked 38th. "I didn't really feel good today, because she didn't let me play my game."

The women's final started about 1 1/2 hours later than scheduled because it followed the resumption of Dominic Thiem's 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5 victory over Novak Djokovic in the men's semifinals, a match suspended Friday evening because of rain.

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In a women's draw filled with surprises, Barty faced only one seeded player, No. 14 Madison Keys of the U.S., along with the women who eliminated Serena Williams and defending champion Simona Halep.

After the U.S. Open five years ago, Barty left competitive tennis. She had been a successful junior, winning the 2011 Wimbledon girls' title, and played in three doubles finals by then, too.

But she needed to get away and reconsider how to approach her job and all that came with it.

Look where she is now.

tions I have ever been part of," Djokovic said about Friday. "That's all I can tell you."

Repeatedly, they engaged in long and entertaining points that lasted 10 shots, 20 shots

or more. They used anticipation and enviable court coverage to track down each other's shots. They wallop the ball from all angles.

The very longest of these exchanges tended to go Djokovic's way: He won 37 of 61 points (61 of nine or more strokes).

For whatever reason, Djokovic often felt compelled to try to shorten points often, hardly his usual strategy. So that led to this key statistic: He won only 35 of 71 points when he went to the net. Thiem, meanwhile, took 18 of 20 on his more judicious forays forward.

Serving at 15-all while down 6-5 in the third set, Djokovic was agitated by a warning from chair umpire Jaume Campistol for letting the serve clock expire. Djokovic wouldn't let it go, complaining so much he was called for unsportsmanlike conduct.

The lack of focus drifted into his play, too, including a serve-and-volley attempt that handed that set to Thiem.

After forcing a fifth, Djokovic faltered again, getting broken to trail 3-1 when he missed a volley, before Thiem held for 4-1, shortly before rain came.

Djokovic was a point from losing when Thiem served at 5-3, 40-15. Except Thiem couldn't close. Dumped a backhand into the net. Pushed a backhand wide. Sent a forehand long. Slapped a backhand into the net.



On Friday, Thiem had just broken Djokovic to go up a break at 3-1 in the third set when their match was suspended because of a shower.

They resumed 18 1/2 hours later, in dry, breezy conditions. The wind that was so fierce Friday — spreading loose, rust-colored clay dust from the court surface all over the place, making for something that seemed like a sandstorm — was much more manageable Saturday. It rippled players' shirts but did not cause havoc with serve tosses and shots the way it had the evening prior.

"One of the worst condi-

Rest of the world catching up with USWNT

REIMS, France—The United States is no longer far superior to everyone else.

That isn't a political statement, mind you. Rather, it's a reflection of the changing landscape in women's soccer.

It wasn't so long ago that you could look at the bracket for a World Cup or an Olympics and pencil the U.S. women in for a spot in the finals with Germany, Brazil or Japan occupying the other spot. Now there are no guarantees.

The Americans are the top-ranked team in the world and, yes, still favored to win a second consecutive World Cup title. But a likely quarterfinal matchup looms with France, which put everyone on notice with its clinical and confident 4-0 victory over South Korea in Friday night's opener. Germany, a two-time World Cup winner and the reigning Olympic champion, should not be counted out.

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Saralu went on to struggle early on the mound, giving up a single to Jesus Santos and walking Dave Mangareiro, who were on their second at bat in that inning. Next to step up to the plate for the second time was Hunter Dela Cruz with two outs and runners on three corners. Saralu got the first strike and moved one more after Dela Cruz hit a foul ball. Dela Cruz got two more foul balls, keeping the Blue Jays in the game. Pressure mounted on both sides, as Saralu threw two low balls and one high for the full count. The closer then threw a wild pitch, which Max Taitano fortunately picked up on

There's also England, which showed its bronze medal in 2015 was just the beginning with a win earlier this year at the She Believes Cup, which also included the U.S., Brazil and Japan. Loaded with talent and ambition, Australia is a trendy darkhorse.

There are also upstarts like Spain and the Netherlands, the surprise winner of the European championship in 2017.

"In the last five years, four years, we've seen the gap close within nations," said Australia's Caitlin Foord.

"In the Top 10, you could play a team three times and you wouldn't be able to pick it who's going to win. Whereas before you'd say, 'The U.S. is going to win these games, Germany is going to win these games,'" Foord said. "You don't really know. It's exciting."

France living up to high expectations

France deserves every bit of the hype it got before the



France's Marion Torrent, left, challenges for the ball with South Korea's Ji So-yun during the Women's World Cup Group A soccer match at the Parc des Princes in Paris, Friday, June 7, 2019.

World Cup.

It wasn't merely the way it dominated South Korea that was, frankly, even more lopsided than the score indicated. It was the confidence and joy with which Les Bleues played Friday night, showing no indication they will be weighed down or intimidated by the considerable expectations on them. Players danced after goals, smiled often and seemed to draw energy from the boisterous crowd at sold-out Parc des Princes.

"We knew it was going to be a very emotional evening but think we managed it well," said Wendie Renard, named player of the match after scoring two goals. "When you have more than 45,000 people singing the French national anthem, obviously it does drive you forward. But I think we started the game really well and made the most out of the crowd support."

There is little question that France has the talent to win a World Cup. Amandine Henry is mesmerizing, as she showed with her wondrous goal in the 85th minute. Slicing through the defense, she took a low shot that lifted as it got closer to the goal, floating past the outstretched hands of the South Korean goalkeeper and into the upper corner of the net.

Eugenie Le Sommer can hurt teams in so many ways, giving France the only goal it needed when she one-timed in a pass from Henry in the ninth minute, the earliest goal scored in a World Cup opener.

And Renard—there won't be many teams with an answer for the 6-foot-2 veteran, who is opportunistic on set pieces. Both of her goals were scored on headers.

But France has never won a major title, its best finishes appearances in the semifinals at both the 2011 World Cup and the 2012 Olympics. No country has ever held both the men's and women's World Cup titles, as France has the chance to do.

First win for Spain

Spain won a game at the Women's World Cup for the first time, beating South Africa 3-1 on Saturday behind two penalty kicks by Jennifer Hermoso.

Spain, ranked No. 13 in the world, finished last in its group four years ago in Canada, the country's only other appearance in the tournament.

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crucial defensive stop for the Braves, went 2-for-3 at bat and scored two RBIs and one run. She had her lone run in the first inning where the Braves took a 5-0 advantage. Aiken Norita also scored at the top of the first and hit an RBI triple, while Taitano, Abraham Saralu, and Herman Iguel reached, too for the Braves.

Iguel started out for the Braves and threw a one-hitter while shutting down the Blue Jays in three innings. He struck out the Blue Jays' first three batters and his fourth K at the top of the second inning left three runners stranded. The Blue Jays were then called for a quick 1-2-3 in the third inning, while the Braves got for more runs—two earned—at the bottom to build a 11-0 ad-



The NSA Braves players and their coaches celebrate after beating the Blue Jays in their title game in the Minors division of the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

time to lob the ball to Saralu, who tagged Landon Springer out at home to end the game and hand the Braves the championship.

Saralu, besides delivering the

vantage. Earlier in the second inning, Abraham Saralu and Keshley Aguon reached from the Blue Jays' errors.

With the three innings completed, the Braves only needed to stop the Blue Jays at the top of the fourth for the early win, which did not come, as the latter mounted a comeback before falling short in the end.

With the title victory, the Braves finished the 2019 season undefeated and took the championship that eluded them in 2018 after losing to the Kagman Marlins.

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Jeon shot a 78 to beat the 84 of Hyun Son, while Yoo had a net 72 to down the 74.20 of Seo Yeon Jeon.

In other results, Andrei Tenorio won the accurate drive contest, Nakamura had the longest drive, and Tars Olopai, Sam Cho, Dung Tenorio, and Ned Norita prevailed in the closest to the pin competition on hole Nos. 4, 6, 11, and 15, respectively.

The Marianas Classic was organized by IT&E, Bank of Guam, and IP&E with proceeds from the tournament going to Make A Wish Foundation, Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, and Autism Society of the CNMI.

The weekend tournament had DFS/T Galleria, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Trading Co., and Power 99 as gold sponsors. The Tan Siu Lin Foundation and TanHoldings



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Tan Siu Lin Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino, fourth left, hands over the ceremonial check donation to IT&E CNMI customer service manager Janice Tenorio, third right, for the 2nd Annual Marianas Classic Golf Tournament. Also in the photo are TanHoldings and TSL Foundation officials and representatives from Bank of Guam, IT&E, and IP&E.

trophies for their fêtes.

Nakamura was awarded the same prizes after ruling the Low Net category with his 69.40. He had a 9.60 handicap and fired a gross 79 (42 on the front and 37 on the back).

Joining Nakamura in the Top 3 were Sung Soo Lim and Diego Benavente, who recorded 70 and 70.20, respectively. Lim sported a 12 handicap and delivered 40 and 42 on the front and back nines for a gross 82,

while Benavente's 39 and 42 gave him a gross 81 (he had a 10.80 handicap).

Meanwhile, in the Ladies division Jeon Me Ae and Chang Hee Yoo were the Low Gross and Low Net winners.

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student was the recipient of the same award last year.

Both Pangelinean and Santos will head to Townsville in Queensland, Australia later this month to represent the CNMI in the 2019 Oceania Athletics Championships.

The two students will be competing in the U18 events along with Leani Acosta, Traven Quitugua, Oldie Joe Roligat, and Theyvie They. Completing the team are Zari-nae Sapon and Gabriel Sappa, who are joining the opening division.

Pangelinean will be racing in the qualifying heats for the U18's 100m and 200m runs, while Santos will be the CNMI's bet in the 800m and 1,500m events.



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to celebrate yet

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Braves top Blue Jays in finale



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Braves batter concentrates as he waits for a pitch from the Blue Jays during the bottom of the third inning of their title game in the Minors division of the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

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The NSA Braves withstood the Blue Jays' late rally for an 11-6 victory in their title game in the Minors division of the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

Ahead 11-0, the Braves seemed headed for a walk in the park going into the top of the fourth inning before the Blue Jays made a final push, scoring in succession after capitalizing on the former's errors.

Four of the Blue Jays' runs in the fourth inning came from the Braves' miscues. The first six batters on the Blue Jays' top of the order reached

with Nick Sablan and Payton Pangelinan the last two to score off the Braves' booboo—a wild throw from second pitcher Aiden Magofna and from the eventual champions' fielding errors. The Braves coaching staff had seen enough and wanted to halt the rally, so they tapped Rosie Saralu to relieve Magofna.

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Lee, Nakamura rule Marianas Classic



Junior golfer Edward Lee and Harry Nakamura led the winners in the 2nd Annual Marianas Classic Golf Tournament held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Lee topped the Low Gross category, while Nakamura prevailed in the Low Net division.

The 16-year-old had an even 72 on the 7,025-yard course to nose out fellow junior golfer Sebastian

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Low Gross winner Edward Lee is flanked by IT&E's Hans Mickelson, left, and IP&E's Victor Cruz during the awards ceremony for the 2nd Annual Marianas Classic Golf Tournament held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.



"Tiny" Camacho and Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, who shot identical gross scores of 1-over par 73.

"Tiny" was ahead after the first nine holes with his impressive 3-under par 33, as he birdied the par-5 No. 3 and par-4 Nos. 5 and 8. Lee and "Kamikaze" had similar 2-over par 38s with the former having bogeys on the par-4 Nos. 1 and 7 and the latter getting an eagle on the par-5 No. 5 to make up for his double-bogey on par-3 No. 3.

Lee eventually overtook "Tiny" for the No. 1 spot, as the former birdied the par-5 No. 18 to finish the last nine holes at 2-under. Lee also had a birdie on the par-4 No.

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Santos, Pangelinan
get monthly awards
for student-athletes

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Tinian Junior Senior High School's Tyler Santos and Marianas High School's Jamie Pangelinan won the Northern Marianas Sports Association/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Student Athlete of the Month awards for May after their outstanding performance in the 2019 Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships.

Santos ruled four running events in last month's track meet, as he topped the 400m, 800m, 1,500, and 3,000m races. His success in the boys U18 division competition also earned him the top athlete award from tournament sponsor McDonald's.

Pangelinan, on the other hand, reigned supreme in the sprints events—100m and 200m—and took the silver medal in the long jump and javelin throw to share the most outstanding athlete recognition with Santos. The MHS

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Tinian's Tyler Santos, seen here racing in last month's All Schools meet, took the Northern Marianas Sports Association/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Male Student Athlete of the Month award for May.